

Town of Marseilles
Marseilles
LaSalle County
Illinois

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LOCATION

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Marseilles is located in the Illinois River Valley, nearly equidistant from Chicago and Peoria. The town is bounded on the south by the Illinois River and on the north by Bluff Street; in the east section of town land is predominantly occupied by farms, on the west sporadic residential developments continue along Colorado Street to Scott Street and beyond. Main Street, the major north/south thoroughfare perpendicular to the Illinois and Michigan Canal, lies between the canal and river, at the core of the downtown commercial district.

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Marseilles is naturally defined on the south by the Illinois River, to the north of which sandstone cliffs form a dramatic bluff. A three-mile long series of rapids highlights the river's path through the ridges of sand, gravel, and clay that form the Marseilles Moraine. The valley formed within the perimeter of the bluffs prompted the town to develop in an elongated form that runs about two miles along the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

SETTLEMENT

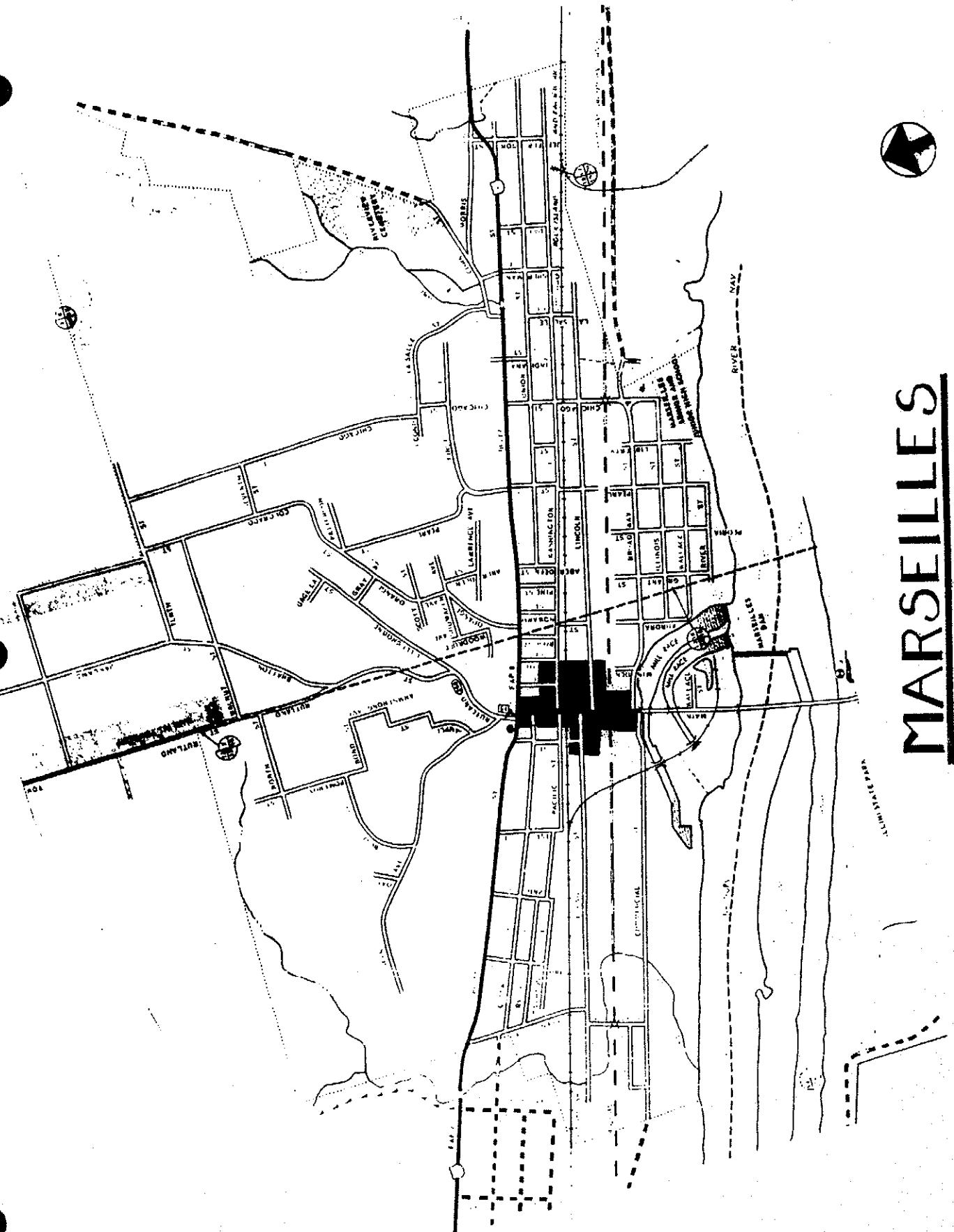
The first white settler to Marseilles is believed to have been Pennsylvanian James Galloway who arrived in 1824, bringing his family two years later. His son, George (1828-89), was the first white child born in LaSalle County. In 1831 William Richey erected the first cabin on the west bank of Gum Creek (formerly Richey's Creek) near LaSalle Street and Morris Road. Constructed of hewn logs with a upper loft for sleeping or storage, the cabin evolved into the Buckhorn Tavern because of the many travelers along Morris Road. (The cabin was demolished in 1976.)

Marseilles was founded by Lovell Kimball, who arrived from Watertown, New York, in 1833. He quickly realized Marseilles' potential and purchased most of the land north of the Illinois River. The town was named after Marseilles, France, which Kimball believed was a great manufacturing center, a goal he envisioned for his American counterpart. He had the town platted in June 1835 and named its streets after historic figures and themes, such as Archimedes and Mohican. (When the town was resurveyed in 1865, the names were changed to those in current use.) Kimball also served as Marseilles' first postmaster. His dream that Marseilles become a pivotal industrial and commercial center was shortlived, however, dashed by the Panic of 1837 and subsequent halt to canal construction.

The Marseilles Manufacturing Company (unrelated to the later company of the same name), founded by Gordon S. Hubbard, an original Canal Commissioner, as well as Dr. Robert P. Woodworth, James H. Woodworth, Lovell Kimball and Augustus Butterfield, was the first serious attempt at industrialization. The company hoped to attract immigrant workers to the area, perhaps in the wake of those who had come to work on the canal. A dam, sawmill and gristmill were erected, but a fire in 1842 destroyed part of the complex. After the

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insurance company refused to reimburse the company for the loss, it quickly went bankrupt.

Although Kimball planned that commercial development should center around the public square at Grant and Broadway Streets and the blocks north of the river, most growth occurred along Chicago Street on the upper east side of Marseilles, between Lincoln Street and the bluff. After 1845 the town's "East End" was settled by Irish canal laborers near Locks 9 and 10.

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With completion of the canal in 1848 and the Rock Island Railroad in 1853, Chicago Street and the east end of town were ripe for commercial development. In addition to the original railroad station, frame buildings housed harness and blacksmith shops, grocery stores and two saloons, as well as the first post office and boarding houses for canal and rail workers. In 1867 all the frame structures on Chicago Street were razed and replaced in brick.

Roderick Clark spearheaded the development of Main Street as Marseilles's new commercial core. Soon after his arrival in 1857, Clark purchased nearly all land west of Main Street and along the track to the east. He gave the Rock Island line fifteen acres near Main Street for the site of a new depot, as well as an option to purchase additional property for a freight yard. (The previous owner, Dr. Daniel Ward, had irritated railroad officials with demands for free lifetime rail passes on the Rock Island and connecting lines in exchange for the same land--thus Clark's cooperative and entrepreneurial offer was timely.) With the new railway station just east of Main Street, merchants quickly moved to the "Clarktown" business center; the pre-eminence of the East End was soon lost and the area became known as "Old Town."

Roderick Clark constructed a dam above the rapids to contain the water used to feed the millraces excavated at the foot of Main Street. With the capacity to generate this saleable energy, manufacturers were attracted to the region; the west end quickly outpaced development elsewhere in Marseilles.

The second Marseilles Manufacturing Company, which produced farm machinery, was the town's first large-scale industry of its type. Founded by Augustus Adams and Sons in 1867, the company was sold to John Deere in 1912. The Pitts Agricultural Works, established on the north side of Commercial Street in 1871, produced threshing machinery. In 1883 Abel and Joshua Moore built a plant along the river that produced nails and small ironworks. The Marseilles Match Factory (1892), located in the southwest part of town, gained notoriety because it was surrounded by company-built housing. The name "Matchtown" remained even after the factory was purchased and closed by Diamond Match Company; shortly after passing into the hands of the Hubbard Furniture Factory, the building burned.

Coal mines and paper mills dominated Marseilles' industry. The first coal mine was sunk by Richard Hughes in 1849 near Richey's Ravine. This 28-inch vein soon provided 150 tons of coal a day and employed eighty men. Crescent Paper Company, later an owner of the mine, and Howe and Davidson, another

paper maker, were served by this coal. National Biscuit Company owned the mine from 1924 to 1928, which closed in the late 1930s. Three paper mills also operated in Marseilles in the late 1860s, as did Osian Stickle's cigar factory. In 1867 Brown and Norton Paper Company erected a 1,000-foot-long dam across the Illinois River, which generated needed industrial energy. J.B. Black established a paper mill the same year. During the 1890s, Crescent Paper Company and Marseilles Wrapping Paper Company, producers of egg cases, folding cartons, and wrapping paper, were important regional industries.

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Like Marseilles' divided commercial sector, schools were constructed both in the east and west ends of town. The first school operated after 1835 and was housed in a log cabin in the East End. About 1849 a frame building was erected on Lincoln Street; it later expanded from one to four rooms and was used until 1866. In 1865 a four-room frame structure--called the East End School--was erected at a cost of \$6,000, one of the first benefits of new state laws permitting the use of taxes for education.

The first school in the west end of Marseilles was a private facility headed by Jessie Carson (Mrs. Charles Hobart), who taught about a dozen children during 1864-65. The "Clark Town" school district was established in 1865, directed by Roderick Clark, Al Lowery, Moses Weaver and Isaac Ryall and, in the same year, erected a schoolhouse that housed sixteen pupils. A larger, much-needed brick facility was built a year later; within three years a hall was added to accommodate advanced students. Bluff School, a two-story high school, was constructed in 1873-75 (and connected to the earlier building). A primary school operated about 1886 on Clark Street in a building now used as a residence.

Mary Ann Pickett, widow of a Civil War veteran, purchased Block 10 of the Gum and Harrington Addition for \$100 with the understanding she would found a girl's seminary here. Erected in 1868, the two-story building was "commodious in size, consisting of assembly and recitation rooms, parlors for social events and sleeping rooms. A brick wall leading to the garden was bordered by pine trees" (Marseilles Sesquicentennial, p. 49). The seminary failed because few residents could afford the price of finishing school, and the building was subsequently used by Mary Montgomery as a day school. This enterprise, too, was short-lived, and by late century the structure had been dismantled.

All major religious denominations in Marseilles were established during the 1860s, but no religious structures remain from the nineteenth century. The first church was organized by the Universalists, who arrived from New England and New York state in 1859. Their original church was near the creek at the east end of town, later moved to the north side of Bluff Street near Pine Street. In 1902 a Gothic Revival-style building called the Church of the Good Shepherd was erected on the same site. Declining and dissipating membership in the mid-twentieth century necessitated that the building be sold to the Church of the Nazarene; it was later demolished.

The First Congregational Church was organized in September 1860 with twelve

members, and represents the oldest extant congregation in Marseilles. The earliest gatherings were conducted in the public schoolhouse until a white frame church at Bluff and Rose Streets was built in 1867. A brick church with asymmetrical tower was erected on the site in 1913, remodeled in 1960 with the addition of a chapel. In 1965 the congregation voted to merge with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, although the First Congregational Church name was retained.

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In 1862 St. Joseph's parish was established as a mission of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Ottawa; it was later attached to parishes in Morris and Seneca, remaining a satellite until 1906. The current 1950 building is a replacement for an early twentieth-century structure destroyed by fire.

In 1862 the Rev. H. Fruechtenicht also began his mission work among German-Lutheran immigrants, forming the Trinity Lutheran Church. Services were held in a building at Washington and Liberty Streets purchased from the Methodists in 1892. A fire destroyed the building in 1961. In May 1892 the German Lutheran Church was founded by the Rev. Jacob Jacobson. Its service was conducted in Norwegian (English was later added) until 1930. In 1901 the congregation changed its name from the Scandinavian Lutheran to the Immanuel Lutheran Church; it is now housed in a contemporary building. The First Baptist and Methodist Churches were also established in the nineteenth century but are located in new buildings.

The first post office in the west end of town was erected surreptitiously (called the Clubhouse, so as not to anger residents of Old Town) in 1868 at Roath and Washington Streets; this building was occupied until 1893. After more than forty years of operating from temporary quarters, the post office was ensconced in a Neoclassical brick building at 100 Washington Street in 1937.

As the twentieth century approached, cultural and civic elements of Marseilles became institutionalized. In 1891 school directors rented the Montgomery School at Chicago and Lincoln Streets to house the primary grades. The next year the structure became vastly overcrowded and the Bakery Building at Chicago and Bluff Streets was rented to accommodate the overflow. Rivalries between east and west Marseilles prevented the establishment of a shared school district until 1893. The construction of Central High School was approved the next year, funded by the issuance of bonds. Currently called McKinley School, the two-story brick building could accommodate 250 students, grades one through twelve; a two-room addition was made in 1901. In 1919 construction of a new high school was approved, now called the McKinley Annex. Together the buildings form the McKinley Attendance Center, an elementary school.

A fire destroyed the original East End School in 1898. The two-story, hip-roofed Lincoln School was erected the same year, and operated until 1919 when it, too, burned. A brick replacement was erected on the site by contractor John Poole; this facility housed grades one through five until it

closed in 1985. In 1936 Marseilles High School moved to a new building on Chicago Street, which was enlarged in 1955 to include the junior high.

After the turn of the century the city of Marseilles received new public buildings as well as an important transportation line, further enhancing and defining the community. The Marseilles Public Library was built in 1905, assisted by a \$10,000 donation from Andrew Carnegie. An addition was given this Renaissance Revival structure on East Bluff Street in 1939. The Ottawa, Marseilles and Morris River interurban line, later known as the Illinois Valley Railway Company, operated from 1904 until 1934.

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TABLE 1-1
MARSEILLES POPULATION STATISTICS

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1870	758
1880	1882
1890	2210
1900	2559
1910	3291
1920	3391
1930	4292
1940	4455

TABLE 1-2
MARSEILLES COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

	1876-77	1888	1915	1925	1950	1960
Agricultural Implements	1	6				
Barbers	1	2	3	2	3	
Blacksmiths	1	6	2	2		
Bakers	1	2	1	1	1	
Boots & Shoes	4	3	2	2	1	1
Dry Goods	3	5	4	5	2	2
Clothing	2	2	3	2	2	3
Grocers	4	7	10	7	7	5
Theaters				1	1	1
Saloon		3				
Contractors (painting, carpentry, cement, plastering)		1		1	1	1

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE

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Few commercial buildings dating from before the 1890s remain in Marseilles. The Brick Block (Chicago and Washington Streets) is the only commercial building in Marseilles that dates from the mid-nineteenth century. This two-story brick structure with five storefronts was constructed in 1867 from bricks made locally by the Coffen family. It is currently being demolished. The building at 128 Lincoln Street was constructed in 1881, housing a paint shop in 1889 and the city hall and jail from 1904 to 1964. Although its first floor has been extensively altered, the structure retains a stepped parapet with decorative brick panels, and four-over-four-light double-hung sash windows with brick hoodmolds. The frame building at 473 Main Street is another of the oldest remaining structures in downtown Marseilles. It was built before 1889, when it served as a millinery and residence; Broadbeck and Clouser Dry Goods and Notions occupied the structure from 1907 or before through the 1920s. It has been altered by the application of stucco, but the recessed central entrance with flanking display windows and clerestory is intact; the structure is one of the few in Marseilles to retain its storefront.

In 1893, a fire, which started in Henry Buszow's bakery and restaurant, ravaged Marseilles' commercial district, destroying eight businesses on the west side of Main Street between Washington and Clark streets. As a result, the majority of Marseilles' commercial structures date from the turn of the century and are constructed in brick. Most are modest one- or two-story buildings with simple ornamentation, that in some cases have been simplified even more by later alterations. Of note is the brick building at the southwest corner of Main and Clark Streets. This brick structure, erected after the 1893 fire, housed a hardware store in 1897; from 1907 to 1913 a clothing store was located here. Feneglio's Electric Appliance Store has operated from the building since 1947. It features a corbel-trimmed roofline and large, double-hung sash with stone lintels and lug sills.

The Shelton Block dominates the southern end of Main Street in Marseilles' downtown. It was constructed c. 1900 and has housed a variety of businesses. The building features a simple cornice and double-hung sash with segmental brick lintels. The large, brick Timmons House (Young Street, west of Main, north side) features segmentally arched windows with brick hoodmolds and concrete lug sills. It was constructed c. 1905 as a boarding house and commercial structure.

Thompson's Hotel was constructed in 1917 and featured nine rooms, a cafe, and barbershop; a third floor with thirteen more rooms was added about 1920. Still serving its original function, the building features a cast-iron cornice, paired windows with one-over-one-light, double-hung sash, and a tiled entrance with flanking display windows. As the twentieth century progressed, commercial architecture in Marseilles became even more modest and unassuming. The Pedroni Building (303 Main Street), one of the best preserved of such structures, features a flat, denticulated pediment and large panel of

mousetoothed brickwork. Its awning-protected central entrance is flanked by large display windows. The building was constructed c. 1925 to house a shoe store. Other well-preserved examples from this period include 329-31 and 485 Main Street.

The Mars Theatre at 500 Main Street was constructed for A.R. Workman in 1936 as a replacement for earlier brick and frame commercial buildings. This modest example of art deco architecture features a stepped pediment and prominent marquee. The H and H Service Station (Bluff Street) is perhaps Marseilles' most architecturally significant commercial building constructed in the twentieth century. Constructed in 1930 for the partnership of Hench and Harrington, it represents the garage-with-bays type of gasoline station. The building also displays some historical influence in its large, Monticello-like, central dome and flanking dome-capped pilasters. It marks the increasing impact of the automobile upon the town's development, as does Maier's Chevrolet Garage (Young Street west of Main). The latter is a well-preserved automobile showroom that dates from c. 1920. The building is distinguished by its stepped pediment and large display windows. The little construction to occur in Marseilles since the Second World War has been intrusive in character.

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METHODOLOGY

Planning

The commercial core of Marseilles was selected for this survey. The survey area was predominantly composed of the east and west sides of the Main Street spine, between Chicago Street/Route 6 to the north and Commercial and Broadway streets to the south. The north and south sides of the first block of Young Street, west of Main Street, were also surveyed. East of Main Street, the north side of the first two blocks of Washington Street and both sides of the first block of Lincoln Street were surveyed.

Research

The local history collection of the Marseilles Public Library was useful, although the newspaper clippings file was not indexed and time did not permit the use of this source. The Marseilles Sesquicentennial book was invaluable. John Armstrong, a lifelong Marseilles resident and local historian, was also indispensable. He maintains a newspaper clipping file and a collection of historic photographs.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, obtained from the Library of Congress, were available for the years 1889, 1898, 1907, 1913, and 1929. They indicated not only the presence of buildings on a given lot, but also the size, stories, and construction materials.

Fieldwork

Two surveyors were assigned to this survey and they proceeded according to the general methodology, outlined above. The survey area contained 56 commercial buildings. Finally, the structures were evaluated and categorized using the system explained in the general methodology section above.

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INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE					
H & H Gas Station					
2. LOCATION					
North side of Bluff Street at north end of Main Street Marseilles, Illinois					
6. CONDITION					
Excellent.					

6. CONDITION

Excellent.

Garage with bays on north side of Bluff Street at north end of Marseilles's commercial core. Concrete foundation with raised red-brick water table. Load-bearing brick construction. Exterior clad with vertically tooled common bond courising. One-story rectangular plan; main seven-bay elevation faces south. Flat roof with concrete coping, central hexagonal dome clad with sprayed concrete. Central entrance flanked by three bays on east and west elevations; each demarcated by brick dome-capped pilasters. First bays to east and west: round-arched entrance with three-panel wood door, fixed rectangular light and round-arched window frame with nine-over-one-light double-hung sash. Second bay to east features two round-arched entrances and wood doors with large rectangular lights. Third east bay has round-arched frame with fixed plate-glass window and concrete lug sill. First and second west bays feature garage door and round-arched entry with wood door on south edge of bay. Upper portion of all six bays have rectangular brick sign plates. Four gas pumps and electric lanterns in front of station. Retaining wall encircles lawn and separates station from road.

This is a filling station constructed c. 1930 by R. Hench. It was originally called H&H Gas Station for its proprietors, Hench and Harrington. It is currently a Marathon station.

7. DESCRIPTION **8. HISTORICAL DATA**

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

H&H Gas Station

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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- 13. INVENTORIED BY:** Marguerite Shaffer
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE "Brick Block"	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1867
2. LOCATION Chicago and Washington Streets Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) retail
5. RATING Ce-2	6. CONDITION Ruins.

6. CONDITION

Ruins.

Sandstone foundation. Square plan. Load-bearing brick construction. Two stories. Asbestos shingles over wood, first story; stretcher-bond brick, second story. Flat roof with parapet, decorative brick and stone beltcourse. Six (originally eleven) bays on west (main) facade. Storefront has three evenly spaced, recessed double doors of wood, enframed with twisted cast-iron columns (originally five). Three concrete steps lead to each door. Six evenly spaced four-over-four-light double-hung sash of wood; segmental arches with keystones.

7. DESCRIPTION

This building was constructed ca. 1867 as a commercial structure. Composed of five storefronts, this building was one of the first all-brick shopping complexes in the Midwest. The bricks were manufactured locally by the Coffen family. Occupied until the 1970s, this building is currently being demolished.

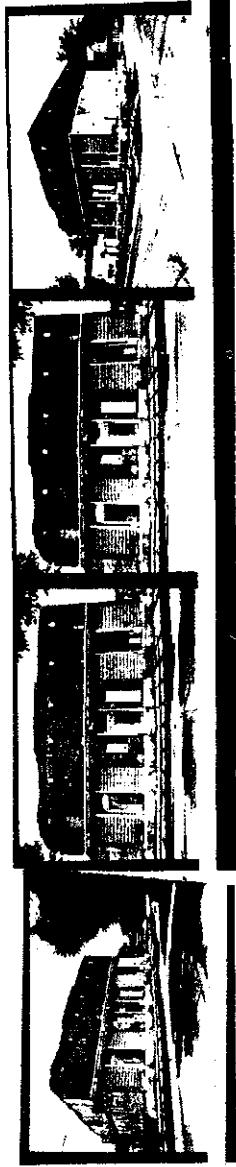
8. HISTORICAL DATA

This commercial structure was erected ca. 1867 with locally made brick. The five storefronts comprise one of the first shopping complexes in the Midwest. The building retains much of its historical appearance and is located in the earliest of Marseilles's commercial districts. As one of the few commercial buildings to survive the city's disastrous fire of 1893, the two-story structure possesses local historical significance. It is, however, currently being demolished.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
"Brick Block"

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-3; frames #6, 7, 8, 9



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Unity Cafe

2. LOCATION

NW Corner of Commercial & Main Streets
Marseilles, Illinois

6. CONDITION
Good.

Structure is located on the NW corner of Commercial and Main Street. Concrete foundation. Construction unknown. Sprayed concrete exterior. One-story rectangular plan. Two-bay front elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet features concrete coping and sign holder. Primary elevation: Wood door with large rectangular light on south section of facade. Chicago-style window on north section of facade. Primary elevation has aluminum siding with white and green tile beneath Chicago-style window. Canvas awning extends over sidewalk.

The rear section of this building was removed from the Catholic Church across the street by Gus Geoffries ca. 1917 to house the Unity Cafe. He then moved the original building back from the street and added on the front section to expand his restaurant. Subsequently it was used as a barbershop and currently it houses an accounting and tax service. Originally the site was part of T. Keagle's machine shop in 1889. A carpentry shop followed on the St. Osgoods lumber yard property. Before the present building was moved to this site a one-story metal building with no roof functioned as an air dome theater.

This small building is located at the end of a commercial block on the west side of Main Street. It is incompatible in size, scale and design with the surrounding turn-of-the-century two-story brick Italianate commercial buildings.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1917

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
restaurant / accounting office

5. RATING
CN-4

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Unity Cafe

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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12. INVENTORIED BY:

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

John Halligan Building (Laborer's Union Local)

2. LOCATION

Lincoln Street
Marseilles, Illinois

6. CONDITION
Good.

Foundation material unknown. Load-bearing brick construction set in stretcher bond. Two stories. Rectangular plan. Four bays on south (main) facade. Flat roof with parapet, frieze, beltcourse and brick detailing. Storefront composed of two central display windows with glass-block transoms. Recessed doors in east and west bays. Four evenly spaced one-over-one-light frame double-hung sash windows, stone lintels and sills on second story.

This building was constructed ca. 1912 by John Halligan. Two stores occupied the building in 1929. In 1940 the Laborers Union Local, the current owner, purchased the structure. Lynn Schanks' Lincoln Street Cafe is located in the west storefront.

This two-story, brick commercial building is located on the eastern periphery of Marseilles's central business district. Despite alterations to its storefront, the building retains much of its 1910s appearance. Purchased in 1940 by the Laborers Union Local 393, the structure is tangentially associated with local labor history.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
ca. 1912

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
Commercial

5. RATING
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7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

John Halligan Building (Laborer's Union Local)
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(M and M Grain)

2. LOCATION
128 Lincoln Street
Marseilles, Illinois

6. CONDITION
Good.

Limestone foundation. Load-bearing construction of brick laid in stretcher bond. Two-story, rectangular plan. Five bays on main (south) facade. Flat roof with parapet, brick detailing and date panel. Storefront features central recessed glass door flanked by display windows; wood and glass garage door in easternmost bay. Second story features five evenly spaced four-over-four-light wood double-hung sash with pointed brick Tudor surrounds.

This building was constructed in 1881. In 1889 it was occupied by a paint shop and in 1898 the second floor, which featured a stage, was known as Galloway Hall; a billiard hall/saloon occupied the first floor. In 1903 this structure became the City Hall, fire department and jail, with living quarters located on the second floor. John Armstrong purchased this building in 1964, shortly after the City Hall was moved to a new location, and he operated a moving business here until 1979. In 1981 the M and M Grain Company bought the structure from him.

Erected in 1881, this is one of the oldest structures in Marseilles and represents the period of rapid commercial growth that occurred here during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Its significance is enhanced by service as a civic building from 1903-64. Structurally, only its doors have been altered and its architectural integrity has thus been maintained.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
1881

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
Commercial

5. RATING
Ce-2

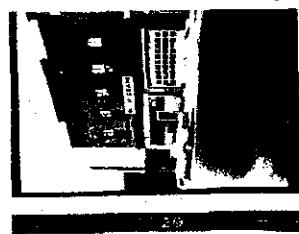
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8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

**10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(M and M Grain)**

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ROLL M-2; frame #29



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Mike's Barber Shop)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1930
2. LOCATION 155 Lincoln Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) doctor's office
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Cn-3

6. CONDITION

Concrete foundation assumed. Load-bearing brick construction. Clay-tile exterior cladding. One-story, square plan. Two bays on main (north) facade. Flat roof with parapet. Storefront features western entry door and display window in east bay.

7. DESCRIPTION

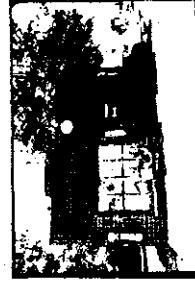
Built about 1930 as an office for Drs. Smith and Harrington, the building currently houses a barber shop and is owned by Russell Sineni.

Built about 1930, this structure represents the continued economic prosperity Marseilles was witnessing at this time. It is also a good local example of clay-tile construction.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Mike's Barber Shop

**11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL: M-2; Frame #31**



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- 13. INVENTORIED BY:** Marguerite S. Shaffer **DATE:** June 1986
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	Owner: Randy Rowe				
2. LOCATION West side of Main Street, Next to M & M Grain Elevator Co. Scale Marseilles, Illinois	<p>3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1915</p> <p>4. USE (ORIGINAL AND CURRENT) Commercial Bldg./Office Bldg.</p> <p>5. RATING Cn-4</p>				
6. CONDITION Good	<p>Raised concrete-block foundation. Construction unknown. Clad with asphalt siding in brick motif. Primary facade stuccoed over. One-story rectangular plan. Three-bay primary elevation faces east. Gable roof with false front covered with diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. Interior concrete-block chimney. Primary facade features central three-panel wood door with rectangular light, transom and sidelights flanked by two fixed store windows. This building is located north of the canal in the M & M Grain Elevator complex.</p>				

7. DESCRIPTION	<p>This small frame building was constructed between 1913 and 1929 on property included in the grain-elevator complex on the north bank of the canal. At one point during the mid-twentieth century it functioned as Hiram Collier's cigar store. Currently the building serves as office space for the grain elevator complex.</p>				
8. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>This small gabled building with a false front is a late example of this traditional nineteenth-century style of commercial building design in Marseilles. It appears the structure was associated with the grain elevator complex positioned on the north bank of the canal. However, it is not compatible in size, scale or design with the turn-of-the-century two-story brick commercial buildings that dominate Main Street. It has little architectural integrity due to severe alterations.</p>				

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Commercial Building

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Tony Marko's Tavern	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1929
2. LOCATION West side of Main Street Between Young Street & the Canal Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Tavern/Tavern
5. RATING Cn-3	6. CONDITION Good

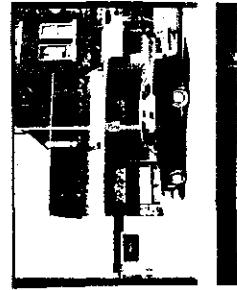
7. DESCRIPTION Concrete foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Exterior cladding of common bond with veneer of vertically tooled stretcher-bond coursing on primary elevation. One-story, rectangular plan. Primary three-bay elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet has concrete coping. Primary elevation: Original bronze storefront has central recessed door flanked by large display windows with wire underplates (some boarded over). Aluminum pent roof shelters sidewalk. Recessed entrance to second story on north section of facade. Brick sign-plate. This building is located between Young Street and the canal, in a block of similar commercial structures.	8. HISTORICAL DATA This building was constructed after 1929 for Tony Marko's tavern. Subsequently it was used as a restaurant. At some point early in the building's history it was connected with the hotel to the north. From 1945-58 Andy Donna and Jim Lettsome operated a tavern in this building. In 1958 the current owner, Robert Stewart, purchased the building and the business.
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This brick building is one of a few one-story commercial buildings located on the west side of Main Street. Its simple brick design, virtually unaltered, is representative of mid-twentieth century building styles, which are uncharacteristic of the turn-of-the-century commercial buildings found in the Marseilles commercial core. The building has little historical significance.

9. SIGNIFICANCE
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Tony Marko's Tavern
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
M-1; frame 12



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Stickle's Cigar Factory & Store	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1858
2. LOCATION West side of Main Street between Young Street and Railroad Tracks Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Cigar Factory & Store/Variety Store
6. CONDITION Fair	5. RATING Ce-2

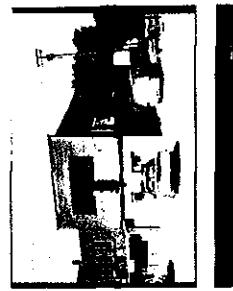
7. DESCRIPTION Stone foundation. Wood-frame construction. Exterior clad with simulated-brick asphalt shingles. Two-story, rectangular plan. Two-bay primary elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet, asphalt-covered coping. Primary elevation: Storefront clad with pebbledash stucco. Metal door with fixed light on south section of facade. South part of facade has wood door with three-light transom leading to second story on southern edge of facade. Wooden fixed window on north section of facade. Second story has centrally located square section of red asphalt shingles simulating brick. This building is located on the west side of Main Street between Young Street and the railroad tracks in a commercial block.
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According to local histories and oral sources, this building was built ca. 1858 and called Clark's Hall, probably referring to Roderick Clark, a prominent early settler in Marseilles. In 1867 Ossian J. Stickle purchased the building to house a cigar factory and store. He installed two bowling alleys on the second floor. Charles M. Stickle inherited the business when his father retired and he ran the cigar store until 1936. Charles's son, Marron L. Stickle, inherited the business and ran it until 1974. Stickle's Cigar Store and Factory operated for 107 consecutive years. In 1974 the present owners Harold and Donna Carroll purchased the building to house their variety store. Sanborn Insurance Company maps dispute this history, indicating that the building was constructed prior to 1889 and functioned as a general store and photo studio until as late as 1897. By 1898 the building housed a butcher shop and photo studio. In 1907 a saloon occupied the building and by 1913 it was vacant. Originally the two-story frame building had a central recessed double door flanked by six-light wood display windows; a canvas awning sheltered the sidewalk. The second story featured clapboard siding and a wooden cornice..

This frame building is possibly one of the oldest remaining commercial buildings in the Marseilles commercial core. It is thought to have been constructed for Roderick Clark, a prominent settler in Marseilles who influenced industrial development along the Illinois River and the commercial development of Main Street. The building is also a remnant of Stickles' Cigar Factory and Store, one of the longest running businesses in town. The building, however, no longer retains its original appearance due to severe alterations. And, although it is similar in size and scale to the surrounding commercial structures, the remodeled storefront with asphalt siding intrudes upon the turn-of-the-century character of Main Street.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Stickle's Cigar Factory & Store
 11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
 M-1; frame 22



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Citgo Gas Station)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1977
2. LOCATION Main Street and Broadway Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Commercial
5. RATING CR-5	6. CONDITION Fair.

Concrete foundation. Pre-fabricated steel construction with vertical metal siding. One-story, rectangular plan. Flat roof. Canted wall on southwest/main facade. Three bays. Central glass door flanked by display windows.

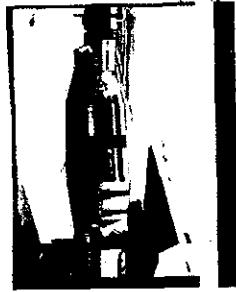
This was constructed in 1977 as a Citgo gas station; owner Steve Broadus.

This contemporary pre-fabricated structure of steel lacks historical significance due to its recent construction date and represents an intrusion into the context of the historic downtown district.

7. DESCRIPTION
8. HISTORICAL DATA
9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Citgo gas station
Roll M-3; frame #3



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Tim's Tap Package Goods)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION pre-1889
2. LOCATION Main and Lincoln Streets Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Clothing store, Women's Christian Temperance Union hall / liquor store
5. RATING Ce-2	6. CONDITION Good.

6. CONDITION
Good.

Foundation of random-coursed rubble sandstone. Load-bearing brick construction; stucco cladding. Two stories, rectangular plan. Three bays on main (west) elevation. Flat roof with cast-iron cornice replete with brackets and dentils. First floor composed of central metal and glass door flanked by fixed windows (one blocked over); cast-iron pediment atop doorway. Three evenly spaced one-over-one-light aluminum double-hung sash on second story, center one has been blocked up. All openings set in frames. Beltcourses at sill levels on first and second stories of front.

7. DESCRIPTION

This building was built prior to 1889 (however, it was re-faced in 1915). In 1889 this building housed a clothing store on the first floor and the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) occupied the second. From 1898 to 1913 a saloon occupied the first floor with offices above. The Farmers and Merchants State Bank was housed here from 1923 to 1925, followed by a bakery and dairy. Tim's Tap, a package liquor store, is the current occupant.

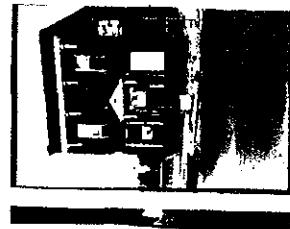
8. HISTORICAL DATA

This building, built prior to 1889 and one of the oldest extant structures on Main Street, was altered in 1915 when stucco was applied over the original brick. Several other alterations including a 1960s door, three 1960s metal frame windows, and two boarded over windows have compromised the building's historical appearance. Despite these deleterious changes, the size and scale of the building, along with its primary facade (containing a cast-iron pediment and cornice, and ornamented parapet walls) are highly compatible with the neighboring turn-of-the-century commercial structures along Main Street. It is noteworthy that in the late nineteenth century the second floor served as a meeting hall for the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Ironically, the first floor of the two-story building currently houses a liquor store.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Tim's Tap Package Goods)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
Roll M-2; frame #28



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Bernardi's Grocery Store	3. DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1927
2. LOCATION Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
5. RATING 2	

6. CONDITION

Good.

Concrete foundation. Load-bearing construction with brick laid in stretcher bond. One-story, rectangular plan. Four bays on main (west) elevation. Flat roof. Metal door in northernmost bay with display windows in other bays. Awning across front facade. Signboard above awning contains apparently original lettering.

7. DESCRIPTION

Virgil Bernardi erected this building in 1927 to house a grocery store. His daughters, Vergene Bernardi and Norma Hepner, have owned the business since 1959.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

Erected in the 1920s, this building represents the ongoing commercial stability witnessed by Marseilles at this time. The grocery store has also been continuously owned and operated by the same family. This building is unaltered and continues to contribute to the historical context of the downtown commercial district.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Bernardi's Grocery

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
Roll M-2; frame #36



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	Fenoglio Electric Building	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	ca. 1895
2. LOCATION	Southwest corner of Main and Clark Streets Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	grocery, hardware/electric appliances
5. RATING	Cm-3	6. CONDITION	Good.

Randomly coursed limestone rubble foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Exterior of stretcher-bond coursing. Two-story, rectangular plan. Main four-bay elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet has decorative brick cornice with corbelling. Tile coping. Recessed entrance with glass dcor; south section has recessed glass door leading to second story; north section composed of large metal display windows with canted corner. Metal pent roof shelters storefront. Storefront clad with corrugated metal; second story has three evenly spaced one-over-one-light double-hung sash with stone lintels, lug sills. Large fixed window with stone lintel and lug sill above canted-corner display windows. North-facing secondary facade features three sets of two closely spaced one-over-one-light double-hung sash with stone lintels and lug sills on second story; two one-story entries on west section of facade. One-story rear addition covered with asphalt siding has concrete-block foundation and shed roof covered with asphalt shingles. This building is located on the corner of Clark and Main Streets in a block of commercial buildings.

This building was constructed between 1889 and 1897 after a fire in 1893 destroyed the previous structure. It housed a grocery and hardware store in 1898; from 1907-13 it was used as a clothing store. The building was purchased by John Fenoglio in 1947 to house his electric appliance store. In 1984 he sold the business to Sam Austin, the current occupant.

This two-story building with elaborate cornice is representative in size, scale and design of the turn-of-the-century brick facades that dominate the Marseilles commercial core. Alterations have slightly damaged the architectural integrity of the building. It is located at the end of a block of similar structures and it blends with the historic character of Marseilles.

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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Fenoglio Electric Building

11. PHOTOS (W-FILM ROLL # FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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- 12. SOURCE**
- 13. ENDORSED BY**
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Commercial Building)

2. LOCATION
West side of Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

3. CONDITION
Fair

Randomly coursed limestone rubble foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Exterior clad with common bond coursing, veneer of corrugated aluminum on primary facade. One-story, rectangular plan. Three-bay primary elevation faces east. Flat roof with tile coping. Primary elevation: recessed central wood door with transom flanked by two large display windows. Bronze storefront has decayed awning. Wood pent roof extends across storefront. Vertical wood siding on upper facade area. Side plate reads "North Central Graphics." This building is located on the west side of Main Street between Pacific and Clark Streets in a block of commercial structures.

This building was constructed between 1893 and 1897 after a fire in 1893 destroyed the previous structure. The building housed a clothing store from at least 1898 through 1907. In 1913 the building was used as a jewelry store. The building currently is occupied by North Central Graphics.

This commercial building retains its original storefronts, however, aluminum cladding has masked the building's original appearance. Located in a block of two-story brick commercial structures, the building is representative in scale and design of the turn-of-the-century commercial buildings that dominate Marseilles's commercial core; modern alterations are incompatible with the historic character of the town's downtown core.

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
Clothing/Graphic Design Store

5. RATING
Cm-3

6. HISTORICAL DATA

7. DESCRIPTION

8. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

West side of Main Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

ROLL: M-1; Frame #26



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Veterans of Foreign Wars Post)

2. LOCATION
200 block of Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

3. CONDITION
Fair.

Brick foundation. Wood-frame construction. One-story, rectangular plan. Gable-front roof with false front. Two asymmetrical bays on main (west) elevation; vertical metal siding. Wood door in northernmost bay; fixed frame window in center bay.

4. DESCRIPTION

This building was constructed between 1913 and 1929. In 1929 this structure housed the Willis Photo Studio. The VFW purchased it in 1950.

5. HISTORICAL DATA

This is one of only two wood-frame buildings on the east side of Main Street. It has been altered considerably and it no longer contributes to the historical context of the downtown commercial district. The alterations may be reversible.

6. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(VIEW POST)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-2; frame #37



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

See "HABS/HAER Inventory Guidelines" before filling out this card.

1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Shelton Block (First Building)

2. LOCATION
278 Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

6. CONDITION
good

Concrete foundation. Load-bearing brick construction; cladding of common-bond coursed brick. Two-story, rectangular plan. Two-bay primary elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet has cast-iron cornice with brackets and flower motif. Primary elevation: storefront has two recessed entrances on south section of facade. Wood door with fixed light and transom leads to second story. Modern glass entry. Altered fixed-plate display windows on north section of facade. Twisted cast-iron column separates entrance from display window. Small wood cornice over storefront. Second story has two sets of closely spaced rectangular one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with concrete lug sills and segmental-arched brick lintels evenly spaced across facade. Structure is located in a block of similar brick buildings on the west side of Main Street between Commercial Street and the canal.

This brick Italianate block was constructed ca. 1900. During the early 1900s it was owned by Mr. Shelton and the south storefront housed an ice cream parlor and tobacco store. In 1923 the south half of the building housed the original Bernardi Grocery Store until 1927 when it moved across the street. Since 1977 it has housed Ace's Automotive Store.

This two-story brick Italianate building is located in the end section of a block of similar structures at the south end of commercial Main Street. It is characteristic in size, scale and design of the turn-of-the-century two-story brick commercial buildings that dominate the Marseilles commercial area. Although the building has been altered, it still retains much of its original appearance. The block as a whole dominates the southern end of Main Street.

3. DATE(S) 1900 CONSTRUCTION
ca. 1900

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Auto Part Store

5. RATING
2

7. DESCRIPTIVE DATA

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Sheitton Block (First Building)

11. PHOTOS (W/F IN ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Shelton Block (Second Building)

2. LOCATION
282 Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

6. CONDITION
good

Concrete foundation. Brick load-bearing construction; cladding of common bond courses. Two-story, rectangular plan. Three-bay (main) elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet has cast-iron cornice with brackets and flower motif. Primary elevation: storefront has recessed central wood door with fixed light flanked by large display windows. Modern aluminum pent roof extends across storefront with transom above. Second-story has three evenly spaced one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with concrete lug sills and segmental-arched brick lintels. This structure is located in a block of similar brick buildings on the east of Main Street, between the canal and Commercial Street.

This brick block was constructed ca. 1900. The middle storefront housed a buggy and implements store in 1907. In 1913 the commercial space was used a grocery store. Ace's Air Conditioner Store has occupied the building since the mid 1970s.

This two-story brick Italianate building comprises the middle section of a block of similar buildings at the south end of the Marseilles commercial core. It is relatively unaltered and still retains much of its architectural integrity. The building is similar in size, scale and design to the two-story brick commercial buildings which dominate Main Street. The block as a whole dominates the southern end of Main Street.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
ca. 1900

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
Commercial Bldg./Hardware Store

5. RATING
Cm-2

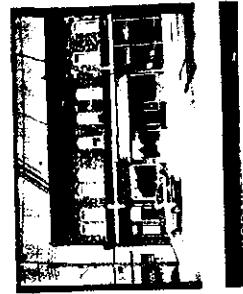
6. SIGNIFICANCE
7. DESCRIPTIVE DATA
8. HISTORICAL DATA

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Shelton Block (Second Building)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Shelton Block (Third Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1900
2. LOCATION 300 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Commercial Bldg./Hardware Store
6. CONDITION Good	5. RATING Cm-2

6. CONDITION

Concrete foundation. Load-bearing brick construction; cladding of common bond courses. Two-story rectangular plan. Primary four-bay elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet has plain cast-iron cornice. Primary elevation: first story has two storefronts. South store is symmetrical with recessed wood door with large fixed light, flanked by display windows with twisted cast-iron columns. North store is altered: stuccoed exterior. Fixed plate-glass window with concrete lug sill on south half of facade. Wood door on north section of facade. Second story has four evenly placed one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with segmental-arched brick lintels and concrete lug sills. The structure is located in a block of similar brick buildings on the east side of Main Street between the canal and Commercial Street.

7. DESCRIPTION

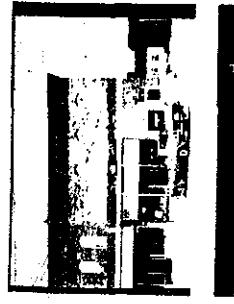
This brick block was constructed ca. 1900. The north storefront was used as a grocery store and printing office in 1907. In 1913 the building functioned as an office. It has been occupied by the Ace Plumbing Store since the mid-1970s.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This two-story brick Italianate building is situated in the end section of a block of similar structures at the south end of Main Street. It is similar in size, scale, and design to the turn-of-the-century, two-story brick commercial buildings that dominate the Marseilles commercial core. Although altered, the building still retains some of its original appearance. The block as a whole dominates the southern end of Main Street.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Shelton Block (Third Building)
M-1; frame 5



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Allie Q's Barber Shop)

2. LOCATION
303 S. Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

6. CONDITION
Good.

Concrete foundation. Load-bearing construction with brick laid in stretcher-bond courses; decorative brick frieze. One-story, rectangular plan. Three bays on main (west) facade. Storefront composed of central metal door flanked by display windows; transoms have been covered up. Awning extends across front facade.

This building was constructed in 1925 by Mr. Pedroni for use as a shoe store. Allen Querigrossa purchased the building in 1953 and he currently operates a barber shop here.

This modest, one-story 1920s commercial building, containing some lightly ornamented brickwork along its primary elevation, retains much of its original appearance and contributes to the historical context of the downtown commercial district.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
ca. 1925

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
shoe store / barber shop

5. RATING
Gm-2

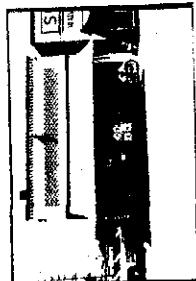
7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Allie O's Barber Shop)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-2; Frame #35



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Ace Hardware Store

2. LOCATION

322 Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

3. CONDITION

Good

Concrete foundation. Prefabricated-steel construction. Exterior of corrugated aluminum. One-story rectangular plan. One-bay primary elevation faces east. Central double door with transom covered by metal pent roof. This building is isolated on the south bank of the canal, set back on the west side of Main Street.

4. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1977

5. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Hardware Store

6. RATING

CR-5

7. DESCRIPTION

This building was constructed ca. 1977 for Russ Myer to house Ace's Hardware store. The site was originally part of a lumber yard adjacent to the canal.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

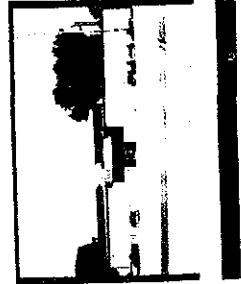
This prefabricated one-story building lacks historical and architectural significance. It is located on the south bank of the canal, set back from Main Street. It is incompatible in size, scale and design with the turn-of-the-century two-story brick stores that dominate the Marseilles commercial core, and should be considered an intrusion.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Ace Hardware Store

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

M-1; frame 6



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (restaurant)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1900
2. LOCATION 329-31 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Commercial
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Cm-2

6. CONDITION

This structure is composed of a three-bay, two-story block with a one-story wing that features two storefronts. Limestone foundation. Load-bearing construction with brick laid in common bond with stretcher-bond veneer. Rectangular plan. Flat roof with brick frieze and cast-iron cornice. Two-story section features glass door in north bay with adjacent display windows. Upper floor features three evenly spaced multi-light metal-sash windows with limestone hoodmolds and lug sills. The one-story wing has two wide bays. Storefronts refaced in brick and plate-glass windows. Multi-light transoms painted over. Panels in brick below cornice.

7. DESCRIPTION

This building was built ca. 1900. In 1907 both one-story sections of this structure were vacant and the two-story section was occupied by a saloon. The latter section was consecutively occupied by a saloon and soft drink parlor (1924). The stores in the one-story section included a cigar factory, restaurant and grocery. The Bolotta family purchased the buildings about 1930 and ten years later a mass-plan addition was placed on the rear of the building to accommodate bowling lanes. Kim and Sue Frye own the two-story section and the adjacent one-story section; Jerry and Flo Schmanske own the other one-story section, which currently houses a restaurant.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

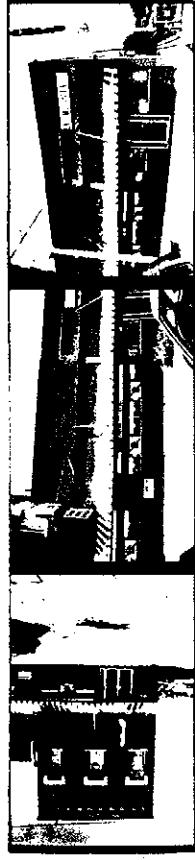
Built ca. 1900, this pair of buildings located on the north bank of the Illinois and Michigan Canal illustrate Marseilles's continued commercial growth. Although somewhat altered, they retain much of their original appearance.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

329-331 Main Street, Marseilles

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Star Union Saloon

2. LOCATION
344 Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

3. CONDITION
Good

Foundation material unknown. Unknown construction. Clad with stretcher-bond coursing painted brown on upper portion of front facade; clapboard on storefront. One-story, rectangular plan. Three-bay primary elevation faces east. Flat roof with decorative cast-iron cornice with paired brackets, modillions and recessed central section. Primary elevation: Storefront has central wood door flanked by fixed rectangular windows. This building is located on the west side of Main Street between Young Street and the railroad tracks in a block of commercial structures.

This building was constructed ca. 1900 to house a saloon owned by the Star Union Brewery Company of Peru. It remained a saloon through 1913. Currently the building is occupied by Chuck's Tavern.

This commercial building is a good representative in detailing and design of the turn-of-the-century brick commercial buildings that dominate the Marseilles commercial core, and it is one of the few buildings that still retains its cast-iron cornice. It is sympathetic in size and scale to the buildings between Young Street and the railroad tracks on the west side of Main Street. However, severe alterations to the storefront have masked the structure's architectural integrity.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
ca. 1900

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
Saloon/Tavern

5. RATING
Cm-3

7. DESCRIPTION

6. HISTORICAL DATA

8. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Star Union Saloon
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
M-1; frame 20



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
S. B. Ebersole Commercial Buildings

2. LOCATION
362 Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1929

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Commercial Bldg/Office

5. RATING

Ch-4

6. CONDITION

Good

Concrete foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Cladding of common bond coursing with stretcher-bond veneer on primary elevation. Two-story rectangular plan. Two-bay primary elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet features brick cornice, dentils and concrete coping. Primary elevation: storefront has wood entry with diamond-shaped light and transom on both the north and south edges of the facade, with a square window above each door. Large central window. Small metal pent roof above storefront. Second story has four one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with concrete lintels and lug sills; two closely spaced windows on south section of facade and two closely spaced on north section of facade. Recessed, rusticated brick signplate. Mouse-tooth belt course below cornice. This building is located on Main Street between Young Street and the canal, in a block of similar commercial structures.

This duplex was constructed after 1929 for S. B. Ebersole. Originally the southern half housed a land and loan company and the northern half housed a restaurant. The building has also been used as a doctor's office. Currently it functions as a dentist's office.

This two-story building is sympathetic in size, scale and design to the turn-of-the-century brick commercial buildings that dominate the Marseilles commercial core. However, it is isolated between a grain elevator complex and a one-story commercial building. Mid-twentieth-century alterations to the original facade have destroyed much of the historic character of the building.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

S. B. Ebersole Commercial Buildings

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Fillmore Harness Shop	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1895
2. LOCATION 364 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Harness Shop/Beauty Shop
6. CONDITION Good	5. RATING Cnr-3

6. CONDITION

Good

Foundation material unknown. Unknown construction method. Exterior covered with asphalt siding in brick motif. Primary elevation clad with corrugated aluminum. One-story, rectangular plan. Three-bay primary elevation faces east. Gable roof covered with asphalt shingles with false front. Primary elevation: central wood door with three fixed lights flanked by metal fixed windows. Wood pent roof above storefront. Aluminum siding on upper portion of facade. This building is located on Main Street between Young Street and the canal in a block of similar commercial structures.

7. DESCRIPTION

This frame building was constructed ca. 1895 to house the Fillmore Harness shop, which it remained until at least 1913. It was subsequently used as a shoe store through 1945. Rita's Beauty shop has occupied the building since ca. 1970.

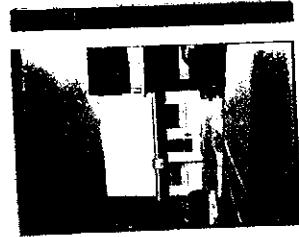
8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

This one-story commercial building is one of the few frame buildings remaining on Main Street. It is representative in size, scale and design of mid-to-late twentieth-century frame commercial structures in Marseilles. However, severe alterations to the facade have destroyed the original appearance of the building.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Finnmore Harness Shop

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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12. SOURCES
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

See "HABS/HAER Inventory Guidelines" before filling out this card.

1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Gleason and Co. Furniture and Hardware)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1898-1907
2. LOCATION 385 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) hardware store, grocery, furniture and undertaking business / hardware store
6. CONDITION Fair.	5. RATING Om-3

6. CONDITION

Fair.

This commercial structure, which faces west, was originally composed of three separate buildings. (1) The south section has a coursed limestone foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Rectangular plan. One story with flat roof; brick frieze and corbeling. Storefront features painted concrete and tile, stretcher-bond brick coursing; four plate display windows. (2) The central three-bay building is constructed of load-bearing brick laid in common bond. Two stories. The first story is reclad with concrete and tile and has display windows in central bay with adjacent glass-block window. Flat roof with brick frieze and corbeling. On second story, three evenly spaced windows with segmental arches. (3) The three-bay north section is composed of load-bearing brick construction. Rectangular plan. Two stories. Storefront composed of central recessed wood and double glass doors, painted concrete and tile. On upper story, original segmental-arched windows, partially filled in, now flat-arched one-over-one-light aluminum frame double-hung sash.

This was constructed between 1898 and 1907 as three separate buildings. From 1907 to 1913 the south section was a hardware store, the central section Jennings's grocery store and the north section housed George Smith's furniture and undertaking concern. In 1930 Gleason purchased two of the buildings, and in 1960 he bought the third, the Parr Rhine Hardware and Print Store. Gleason Hardware currently occupies all three stores.

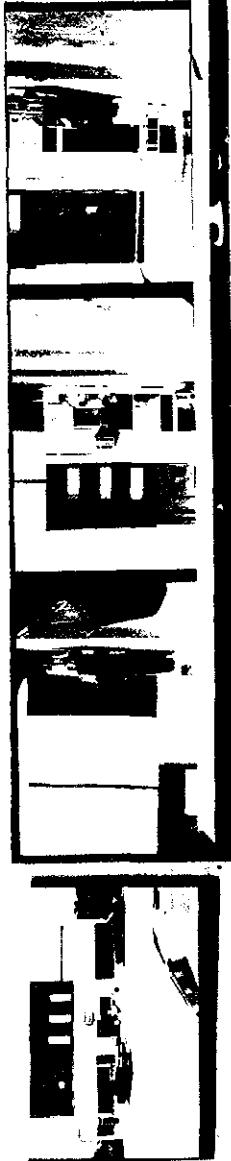
This trio of commercial buildings was erected at the turn of the century, a time of rapid commercial growth in Marseilles. All three have been much-altered and their architectural integrity thus compromised. Nonetheless, the size and scale of building still harmonizes well with the neighboring two- and three-story historic commercial buildings.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
385 Main Street, Marseilles
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-2; frame #24, 25, 26, 27



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION pre - 1889
2. LOCATION 398 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Carpentry Shop/Taxidermist Shop
	5. RATING Ce-3

6. CONDITION

Fair

Stone foundation. Wood frame construction. Clad with stretcher bond and vertically tooled brick. Two-story, rectangular plan. Three-bay primary elevation faces east. Flat roof with concrete coping. Primary elevation: recessed wood door on south section of facade. Double display window with thin mullions on north portion of facade. Second story has three evenly spaced six-over-six-light double-hung sash windows with brick lug sills. This building is located on the west side of Main Street between Young Street and the railroad tracks in a block of commercial structures.

7. DESCRIPTION

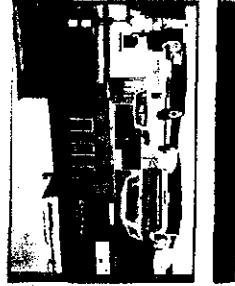
This frame building is one of the oldest buildings in the Marseilles commercial core. According to Sanborn Insurance Company maps, it was constructed prior to 1889 to house a carpentry shop. From 1898 through 1913 it was used as a cigar factory and store (however, there is a possibility that the Sanborn information on this building is incorrect); subsequently it was used as a restaurant. Don's Taxidermy has occupied the building since the early 1980s.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This is one of a few frame buildings that remains in Marseilles's commercial core. Severe alterations have destroyed the building's original appearance and it is no longer representative of mid-to-late nineteenth-century commercial building design. Although similar in size and scale to the surrounding buildings, contemporary alterations intrude upon the turn-of-the-century character of the commercial core.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Commercial Building

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
W-1; frame



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Judithe Marie's Beauty Shop)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION Between 1907 and 1913
2. LOCATION 407-1/2 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Commercial
6. CONDITION Fair.	5. RATING Cr-4

Concrete foundation assumed. Load-bearing brick construction. Concrete and tile cladding. One-story, rectangular plan. Flat roof. Two bays on main (west) facade. Storefront composed of metal door with transom in south bay; display window in north.

This building was constructed between 1907 and 1913. In 1913 a saloon operated here, followed by the building's use as a store and barbershop. Judith Marie's Beauty Shop is the current occupant.

Constructed shortly after the turn of the century, this building represents the ongoing commercial development in Marseilles that occurred at this time. It has been significantly altered and no longer contributes to the historical context of the downtown commercial district.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Judith Marie's Beauty Shop

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Calla's Antiques)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION pre 1889
2. LOCATION 428 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Commercial/Bldg./Antique Store
5. RATING Cee-2	6. CONDITION Good

7. DESCRIPTION Randomly coursed limestone rubble foundation. Load-bearing brick construction, common-bond coursing. Two-story, rectangular plan. Three-bay primary elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet decorative brick cornice with corbeling and tile coping. Primary elevation: storefront has recessed double door, transom boarded over. Sidelight with cast-iron columns flanked by rectangular display windows. North window altered, has corrugated aluminum siding and two-light fixed window. Cast-iron cornice with brackets above storefront. Second story has three evenly spaced one-over-one-light double-hung metal sash windows with segmental-arched hoodmolds and concrete lug sills. Covered stairway to second floor has entrance on the south edge of the facade. Recessed panels with mouse-toothing infill and ornamental brick belt-course below cornice. This building is located on the west side of Main Street between Pacific and Clark Streets in a block of commercial buildings.	8. HISTORICAL DATA This two-story brick building with segmental-arched second-story windows and brick cornice is representative in size, scale and design of the turn-of-the-century commercial buildings that dominate the Marseilles commercial core. The building is relatively unaltered. It is located in a block of similar structures and, thus, it contributes to the historic context of Marseilles's Main Street.
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It is possible this commercial building was constructed as a one-story brick structure prior to 1889, with a second story and new storefront added before 1898. In 1898 the building housed a drugstore; from 1898 until 1912 the first story was used as a grocery store, the second story used as office space. From 1913 to 1929 the building housed a drugstore, which was followed by use as a grocery store. In 1935 Fovel's Bakery was located in this building; Calla's Antiques has occupied the building since the 1970s.

This two-story brick building with segmental-arched second-story windows and brick cornice is representative in size, scale and design of the turn-of-the-century commercial buildings that dominate the Marseilles commercial core. The building is relatively unaltered. It is located in a block of similar structures and, thus, it contributes to the historic context of Marseilles's Main Street.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Calla's Antiques
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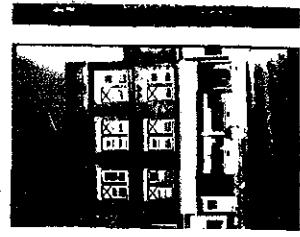
HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Masonic Temple Building	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1894
2. LOCATION 432-433 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Masonic Temple & Commercial Bldg/Antique Store
5. RATING Cn-2	
6. CONDITION Good	7. DESCRIPTION Randomly coursed limestone rubble foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Exterior of common-bond brick with veneer of yellow and red stretcher-bond coursing on primary elevation. Three-story, rectangular plan. Three-bay primary elevation with two storefronts faces east. Flat roof with parapet brick cornice with red brick corbelling and tile coping. Primary elevation: South storefront has entrance to second story, wood door with fixed light and boarded over transom on southern edge of facade. Recessed entrance features wood door with fixed light and transom. Central display windows with thin metal mullions. Central fluted wood post separates storefronts. North storefront has recessed double wood doors with large fixed window and altered five-light transom on north edge of facade. Central display window with metal mullions. White and green tile under the display windows. Aluminum pent roof above storefronts with band of corrugated aluminum running across facade. Second and third story windows: Three evenly spaced sets of two closely spaced metal one-over-one-light double-hung sash (altered) windows, stone lug sills and stone lintels with decorative scrolling. Second story has decorative red brick continuous sill and lintel. Third story has four evenly spaced pilasters and red brick corbelling. Recessed panels of ornamental brick below cornice. This building is located on the west side of Main Street between Pacific and Clark Streets in a block of commercial structures.
8. HISTORICAL DATA	This building was constructed by William Pearce in 1894 to house the Masonic Temple and commercial space after a fire in 1893 destroyed the previous structure. The third floor was used as a Masonic temple until 1973. In 1898 the storefront housed a general store. From 1904-40 V. Orsi ran a confectionery in the southern store here. From 1907 through at least 1913 the north store was a grocery. Subsequent tenants included the F & M Grocery, occupying both storefronts in the 1940s, and the present antique store, since the mid-1970s.
9. SIGNIFICANCE	This massive three-story building with decorative brickwork and cornice is a unique example of the turn-of-the-century storefront type that characterizes the Marseilles commercial core. One of a few three-story buildings in the commercial core, it is one of the major civic buildings, the Masonic Temple. Despite alterations to the building, it still retains much of its original appearance. Located in a block of ca. 1900 commercial buildings, this massive structure is a fine example of brick craftsmanship.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Masonic Temple Building
M-1; frame 24



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

See "HABS/HAER Inventory Guidelines" before filling out this card.

1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Golden Door Antiques)

2. LOCATION
442 Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

3. CONDITION
Good.

Randomly coursed limestone rubble foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Exterior clad with common-bond coursing, veneer of stretcher bond on primary elevation. Two-story, rectangular plan. Main, two-bay elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet has brick cornice with corbelling and tile coping. Storefront has recessed wood door with large fixed light and (boarded up) transom flanked by angled display windows. Large display windows with fluted cast-iron posts adorn north and south outer section of storefront. Wood door with three lights and two-light transom on north edge of facade leading to second story. Second story has two evenly spaced aluminum one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows and shutters that replaced original pedimented fenestration. Three pilasters and brick corbelling. Recessed panels of ornamental brick below cornice. This building is located on the west side of Main Street between Pacific and Clark Streets in a block of commercial structures.

This building was constructed between 1889 and 1897 to house a drugstore, which remained there until at least 1907. In 1913 the building was used as a movie house; in 1950 a confectionery occupied the building. Golden Door Antique Shop has operated here since the mid-1970s.

7. DESCRIPTION

This two-story building with decorative cornice is representative in size, scale and design of the turn-of-the-century brick stores that dominate Marseilles's commercial core. The architectural integrity of the building has been somewhat damaged by window alterations. Located in a block of similar structures, it is sympathetic to the town's historic character.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
ca. 1895
4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
drugstore (antiques)
5. RATING
Cn-2

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Golden Door Antiques)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL: M-1; Frame #25



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- 12. INVENTORIED BY:** Marguerite Shaffer
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Collins Hideaway)

2. LOCATION
445 Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

6. CONDITION
Fair.

Sandstone foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Two story, rectangular plan. First floor reclad with brick; second story, vertical aluminum siding. Four bays on main (west) facade. Central recessed metal and glass door flanked by display windows. Cast-iron stoop; fluted cast-iron column supports. Wood door in westernmost bay. Canopy extends across front facade.

This building was constructed ca. 1889. In 1889 this structure housed a drugstore, possibly that of the Neff Drug store. By 1913 two grocery stores--Galloway's and Clark's--occupied the first floor and a telephone exchange was on the second. The building was purchased in 1915 by E.A. Collins, who operated a dry goods store here. The structure is presently owned by E.A. Collins Jr. and has housed a commercial enterprise since 1915.

This double-storefront brick building was erected at the turn of the century and represents the rapid commercial growth of Marseilles at this time. Originally a five-bay facade, the building has been much altered with the addition of aluminum siding. Although the alterations may be reversible, the structure in its present condition does not contribute to the historical context of the downtown commercial district.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
ca. 1889

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
Commercial

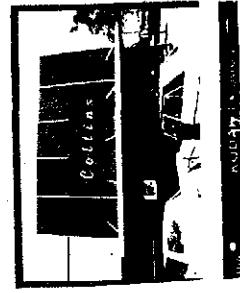
5. RATING
Cm-3

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Collins Hideaway)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-2; Frame #17



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Jim Lord's Boot & Shoe Store	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1895	
2. LOCATION 452 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Boot & Shoe Store/Antique Store	
5. RATING	6. CONDITION Good	
7. DESCRIPTION Randomly coursed limestone rubble foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Exterior clad with common bond coursing, veneer of stretcher bond (painted white) on primary facade. Two-story, rectangular plan. Three-bay primary elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet has brick cornice featuring mouse-tooth beltcourse, corbeling and tile coping. Primary elevation: Altered storefront has black-and-white Virolite glass under metal display windows with thin metal mullions. Central wood door with transom. Wood door with transom on north edge of facade leads to second story. Small metal pent roof protects storefront. Second story has three evenly spaced one-over-one-light wood rectangular sash with stone lug sills and segmental-arched brick hoodmolds. This building is located on the west side of Main Street between Pacific and Clark Streets in a block of commercial structures.	8. HISTORICAL DATA This building was constructed c. 1895 after a fire in 1893 destroyed the previous building. It housed John Lord's boot and shoe store from 1898 until at least 1913. Subsequently it was used as a jewelry store; <u>The Daily Times</u> occupied the building until the early 1970s. Currently it houses an antique store.	9. SIGNIFICANCE This building with its segmental-arched two-story windows and brick cornice is representative in size, scale and design of the turn-of-the-century storefronts that dominate the Marseilles commercial core. However, the mid-twentieth-century storefront detracts from the architectural integrity of the building. It is located in a block of similar c. 1900 structures and, despite alterations to the structure, it blends well with the historic character of Marseilles.
10. DEPARTMENT	Om-3	

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Jim Loard's Boot and Shoe Store
11. PHOTOS W/FILM ROLL #27 FRAME NO. AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Marseilles Independent Telephone Co.)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1910
2. LOCATION 453-455 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Commercial
5. RATING Cr-4	6. CONDITION Fair.

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Originally composed of two separate structures. Both have: assumed stone foundations, load-bearing brick construction, one-story with flat roof, three bays on main (west) facade. Walls similarly recled with new brick veneer and vertical metal siding; metal and glass door in north bay, two display windows in central and south bays. Metal canopy extends length of facade.

7. DESCRIPTION

This building was constructed ca. 1910. In 1913 a meat market occupied the north storefront; a pool hall the south storefront. The Marseilles Independent Telephone Company--the current owner--occupied 453 Main Street in 1931; the adjacent store was purchased and occupied by the company about 1963.

Erected in ca. 1910, this structure represents Marseilles's rapid commercial growth during this period. Aluminum siding has been affixed to the main elevation, however, and the building no longer contributes to the historical context of the downtown commercial district.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Marseilles Independent Telephone Co.)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-2; frame #16



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME (S) OF STRUCTURE

(Marseilles Building and Loan Association)

2. LOCATION

457 Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

6. CONDITION

Fair.

This commercial structure was originally two buildings. Concrete foundation assumed for both; two-story, rectangular plan. Load-bearing brick construction. The storefronts of both are clad with Formstone; upper stories of vertical aluminum siding. North storefront has three bays with display window; south storefront has two bays with recessed display window. Metal canopy extends length of facade.

7. DESCRIPTION

This building was constructed ca. 1910. In 1913 the H.J. Crawford Jewelry store occupied the north section, with a bank in the south part of the building. In 1928 the Spencer Lewis Insurance Agency was housed on the second floor, and in 1929 the jewelry store and bank remained in the building. Currently the Chamber of Commerce and three doctors also occupy the building.

Built ca. 1910, this building reflects Marseilles's continuing prosperity during this era. Aluminum siding has completely altered the main facade of this structure, however, and it no longer contributes to the historical context of the downtown commercial district.

HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1895
2. LOCATION 458 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Bakery & Restaurant/video Store
5. RATING Cm-2	6. CONDITION Good

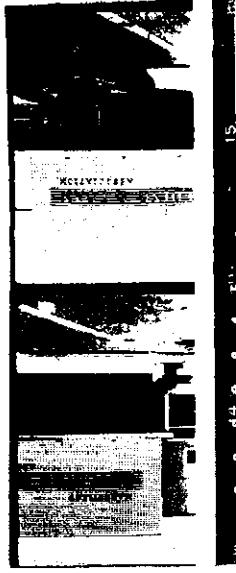
Randomly coursed limestone rubble foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Exterior of common bond coursing, stretcher-bond veneer on primary elevation. Two-story, rectangular plan. Four-bay primary elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet has decorative brick cornice with corbelling, mouse-tooth beltcourse and tile coping. Primary elevation: Wood storefront has central recessed wood door with large rectangular light and transom flanked by large unaltered wood display windows with twisted cast-iron posts. South edge of facade separated from storefront by fluted cast-iron post has modern glass door with transom that leads to second story. Metal cornice above storefront. Second story has three evenly spaced one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with stone lug sills, brick segmental-arched hoodmolds. This building is located on the west side of Main Street between Pacific and Clark Streets in a block of commercial buildings.

This building was constructed ca. 1895 after a fire in 1893 destroyed the previous structure. The building housed a bakery and restaurant from 1898 until at least 1907; by 1913 the building was used as a grocery store. It has been occupied by Marseilles Home Video since 1984.

This two-story building with segmental-arched second-story windows and cornice is representative in size, scale and design of the turn-of-the-century brick storefronts that dominate the Marseilles commercial core. The building is relatively unaltered and retains its original appearance. It is located in a block of similar structures and it helps set the tone of the historic character of Marseilles.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Marseilles Building and Loan Association)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-2; Frames #14, 15



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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
458 Main Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL: M-1; Frame #28



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Commercial Building)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
462 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	ca. 1895
2. LOCATION	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
	Butcher Shop/Electric Appliance Shop
5. CONDITION	6. RATING
Good	Om-3

Foundation material unknown. Load-bearing brick construction. Exterior of common-bond coursing with stretcher bond veneer on primary elevation. Two-story, rectangular plan. Four-bay primary elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet has decorative brick cornice, brick corbeling and tile coping. Primary elevation: Metal storefront with recessed metal door flanked by large metal display windows. Entrance to second story on south edge of facade. Pent roof covered with asphalt shingles above storefront. Second story has four evenly spaced one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with sills and segmental-arched brick hoodmolds. One-story, flat-roofed concrete-block garage added to rear. This building is located on the west side of Main Street between Pacific and Clark Streets in a block of commercial structures.

This building was constructed between 1889 and 1897 to house a butcher shop, which remained there until at least 1913. The second story was used as a doctor's office during the 1920s. Currently the building is used as an electric repair shop.

This two-story building with segmental-arched second-story windows and cornice is representative in size, scale, and design of the turn-of-the-century brick storefronts that dominate the Marseilles commercial core. However, the mid-twentieth-century storefront detracts from the architectural integrity of the building. It is located in a block of similar c. 1900 structures and, despite alterations, it blends well with the historic character of Marseilles.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

462 Main Street

**11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL: M-1; Frame #29**



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Commercial Building)

2. LOCATION
466 Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

3. CONDITION
Fair

Randomly coursed limestone rubble foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Exterior of common bond coursing with veneer of red and yellow stretcher bond on primary elevation. Two-story, rectangular plan. Two-bay primary elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet has decorative red and yellow brick cornice, corbeling and tile coping. Primary elevation: storefront with recessed entrance has wood door with six lights and transom flanked by wood display windows with black vitrolite glass underplates. Wood door with large rectangular light on south edge of facade leads to second story. Pent roof with lapped siding protects storefront. Second story has two evenly spaced (altered) windows with stone lug sills and segmental-arched yellow brick hoodmolds; originally paired windows now covered with wood and aluminum siding. Mock yellow-brick quoining around edges of window and facade. Ornamental checkerboard of yellow and red brick in frieze. This building is located on the west side of Main Street between Pacific and Clark Streets in a block of commercial buildings.

This building was constructed between 1898 and 1906. It housed Maud Hill's Bakery from 1907 through at least 1913. Currently the building is used as a tavern.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
ca. 1900

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
Bakery/Tavern

5. RATING
Ch-3

This two-story building with decorative brickwork and cornice is representative in size, scale and design of the turn-of-the-century storefronts that dominate Main Street. The original appearance of the building has been damaged by storefront and window alterations; however, the building is located in a block of similar structures and it blends with the historic character of Marseilles.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

466 Main Street

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
Roll: M-1; Frame #30



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	Thurber Commercial Building	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	ca. 1895
2. LOCATION	470 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	general store (Restaurant)
6. CONDITION	Fair.	6. RATING	Ch-3

6. CONDITION

Fair.

Randomly coursed limestone rubble foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Exterior of common-bond coursing. Two two-story, rectangular plan. Main five-bay facade faces east. Flat roof with repaired parapet and tile coping. Two metal storefronts with red Vitrolite under plates and a band of vertical wood siding above windows. South storefront features recessed double glass door with transom flanked by small rectangular metal display window; metal mullions (south) and large central display window (north). North storefront has recessed double glass door with transom flanked by small metal display window (north) and large central display window (south). Aluminum awning holder above store. Tilework in entries. Second story: south part of facade has two closely spaced rectangular window frames with stone lintels and lug sills covered with corrugated metal; central portion has recessed square brick panel; north part has two closely spaced rectangular window frames with stone lintels and lug sills covered with corrugated metal. This building is located on the west side of Main Street between Clark and Pacific Streets in block of commercial buildings.

7. DESCRIPTION

This building was constructed ca. 1895 after a fire in 1893 destroyed the previous structure. It was used as a general store from 1898 through 1907. Thurber's grocery and dry goods store used the building from at least 1913 into the mid-1920s. It subsequently housed a Ben Franklin variety store. The Gallery restaurant has occupied the building since 1982.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

This large brick building is representative of the turn-of-the-century stores that dominate the Marseilles commercial core. However, due to severe alterations to the facade, it no longer retains its original appearance. The building blends in scale with the surrounding structures, but it does not contribute to the historic character of the town.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Thurber Commercial Building
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NOJ AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL: M-1; Frame #31



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Dr. D.L. Cowan's office)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION pre-1889
2. LOCATION 473 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Commercial
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Ce-2

7. DESCRIPTION Stone foundation assumed. Wood-frame construction. Two-story, rectangular plan. Gable roof with false front. Wooden storefront features four bays; display window with transom in northernmost bay. Central recessed wood and glass door flanked by display windows and clerestory. Second floor has been stuccoed. Three evenly spaced one-over-one-light aluminum double-hung-sash windows (one stuccoed over).	8. SIGNIFICANCE Erected prior to 1889, this is one of the oldest buildings on Main Street. In 1889 it was used as a millinery and residence. Broadbeck and Clouser Dry Goods and Notions operated here from 1907 until the 1920s. Dr. D.L. Cowan currently occupies the building.	This is one of only two wood-frame buildings situated on the east side of Main Street and it represents one of the oldest structures in the downtown survey district of Marseilles. Although the storefront appears to be original, alterations to the rest of the building (i.e., stuccoing, removal of cornice) have made it so that it no longer contributes to the historical context of the downtown commercial district.
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10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
473 Main Street, Marseilles
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Simplicity Beauty Shop)

2. LOCATION
479 Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

3. CONDITION
Good.

Concrete foundation assumed. Load-bearing brick construction laid in stretcher bond. One-story, rectangular plan. Four bays on main (west) facade. Flat roof with brick frieze. Two central recessed metal and glass doors flanked by display windows. Door stoop inlaid with black-and-white tile; awning.

7. DESIGNATION

Built about 1923 by Joe Nanni as a shoe repair shop. In 1929 it housed a clothing store in the late 1920s. Vicki Belden bought the building in 1977 and she operates the Simplicity Beauty Shop here.

Erected during the 1920s, this structure illustrates Marseilles's continuing economic stability. The building is virtually unaltered and it blends well with the context of the downtown commercial district.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
Ca. 1923

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
Commercial

5. RATING
On-3

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Simplicity Beauty Shop)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-2; Frame #12



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Caselli Insurance and Real Estate)

2. LOCATION
483 Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

3. CONDITION
Good.

Concrete foundation assumed. Load-bearing brick construction. One-story, rectangular plan. Flat roof. Two bays on main (west) elevation. Reclad brick storefront; second story clad with wood paneling. South bay features wood and glass door. Oversized wooden pediment above storefront.

7. DESCRIPTION

This building was constructed in ca. 1905. In 1907 this structure housed a clothing, boot and shoe store, and in 1913 it was used solely as a clothing store. Caselli Insurance Co. has owned the building since 1966.

Erected at the turn of the century, this building represents Marseilles's rapid commercial growth during this period. It has been severely altered and has lost its original appearance; however, it is compatible with neighboring structures in the historic commercial district.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Caselli Insurance and Real Estate)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-2; frame #10, 11



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(R+D Kraft Korner)

2. LOCATION
485 Main Street
Ottawa, Illinois

3. CONDITION
Good.

Sandstone foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. One-story, rectangular plan. Storefront clad with ceramic tile; stretcher-bond brick on second story. Storefront composed of three bays on main (west) elevation. Flat roof; decorative brick frieze with corbelling. Central recessed wood and glass door flanked by display windows; clerestory transom covered with wood; fluted cast-iron columns.

This building was constructed about ca. 1900. A grocery occupied this building from 1907-13 and it housed a store in 1929. Kay Robinson and Diana Boaz purchased it in 1983 and operate it as a craft store.

This structure was erected at the turn of the century, a period of rapid commercial growth in Marseilles. Although the storefront has been altered, the building retains much of its original appearance. Its scale and style blend well with the character of the main commercial district.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(K&D Kraft Korner)
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
Roll M-2; frame #9



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Spencer's Insurance Agency)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1900, ca. 1960
2. LOCATION 487 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Commercial
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Cn-4

7. DESCRIPTION

Concrete foundation assumed. Load-bearing brick construction. One story, rectangular plan. Pent roof with asphalt shingles. Storefront composed of three bays on main (west) elevation. Central, recessed metal and glass door flanked by nine-light fixed windows.

7. HISTORICAL DATA

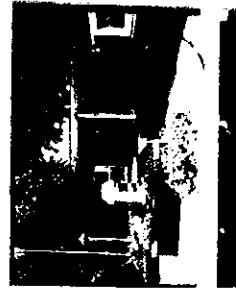
This building was constructed ca. 1900. The rear brick section of this building and a wood-frame front appear in a 1907 Sanborn map. It served as a dwelling until 1913. In about 1917 the building served as the Trunnel Grocery, and a store occupied the space up to 1929. In about 1960 a fire destroyed the wooden portion, which was replaced by this building, built for Allen Spencer, who operated an insurance agency here until 1983.

This structure was erected at the turn of the century and reflects a period of rapid commercial growth in Marseilles. It has been greatly altered and has therefore lost most of its architectural and historical significance.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Spencer's Insurance Agency)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL # FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-2; Frame #8



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE <i>(The Daily Times)</i>	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1905
2. LOCATION 491 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Commercial
5. RATING Cr-3	6. CONDITION Good.

Concrete foundation assumed. One-story, rectangular plan. Load-bearing construction; brick laid in stretcher-course bond. Two-bay main (west) facade. Flat roof with corbeling and brick detailing. Recessed door in north bay; display window in south bay.

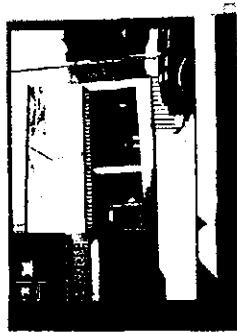
7. DESCRIPTION

This building was constructed ca. 1905. From 1907-1937 the Marseilles Post Office occupied this building. The Guenzani Drugstore moved here, and remained through 1942. A clothing store was located here until 1980 when the building was purchased by the Daily Times as the site of its newspaper office.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This structure, built shortly after the turn of the century as the Post Office, reflects Marseilles's continued prosperity in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. It retains much of its historical appearance and harmonizes well with the neighboring two- and three-story, historic commercial buildings.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
491 Main Street, Marseilles
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-2; Frame #7



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Marilyn S. Barton Law Office)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1910
2. LOCATION 493 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Commercial
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Cr-3

6. CONDITION

Sandstone foundation. Load-bearing construction with brick laid in stretcher bond. Two stories, rectangular plan. Three bays on main (west) facade. Flat roof with brick beltcourse and quoins. Storefront composed of central wood and glass door flanked by similar door in south bay and display window in north. Wood canopy and cast-iron stringcourse over storefront. Two evenly spaced pairs of one-over-one-light double-hung wood sash with sandstone lug sills and flat arches.

This two-story building was built ca. 1910. In 1913 it housed a variety store in its northern half, and a printing shop in its southern half. In 1929 Dr. Blanchard's office and pharmacy occupied the building's south section. It is currently owned by Marilyn Barton, an attorney. The builder of this and the nearly identical commercial structure next door at 501 Main Street in Marseilles (see other entry) is not known.

Erected in ca. 1910, this two-story commercial building was part of a steady re-development of Marseilles's central business district that covered a span of about three decades beginning in 1893. That year a devastating fire swept through the city's downtown, destroying most of its commercial buildings. Architecturally, although the ca. 1910 structure is compatible in size and scale with the neighboring late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial buildings, it possesses little distinction. The scale of the original jack arches, consisting of three soldier courses of buff-colored brick and located at the two second-story window openings, is considerably out of proportion with the parapet wall, cornice, and windows of the main facade. Moreover, the disparate textures and colors of the brick is visually unsatisfying. Although the building has been somewhat altered, it retains much of its original appearance and blends well with the character of the neighboring historic district. In addition, the recent (ca. 1970s) addition of a brick veneer to the storefront has seriously marred the building's historical appearance.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Barton Law Office

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll M-2; frame #5, 6



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Mars Theater	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1936
2. LOCATION 500 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) MOVIE theater (Community hall)
5. RATING Ch-3	

6. CONDITION Good.

Concrete foundation. Construction unknown. Exterior clad with beige, vertically tooled stretcher-bond coursing. Two-story rectangular plan. Main six-bay elevation faces east. Flat roof with stepped parapet, concrete coping. Primary facade has central five-sided ticket booth with five-sided glass window and black Vitrolite, flanked by recessed wood double doors with large rectangular lights and decorative overplates. Sign-boards located on outer edges of these doors. Central section of facade has large marquee above first story. South section of facade has metal storefront with recessed entrance on south edge, display window with black Vitrolite underplates on north section. North section of facade has storefront with recessed entrance on north edge and metal display window with black Vitrolite underplate on south section. Wood sign-board above storefront. Second story has slightly projected central section with decorative vertical panels featuring metal infill; centered date stone reads "1936." North and south edges of facade have one-over-one double-hung sash with brick lintels and lug sills embellished by vertical panels of aluminum infill. Located on the corner of Clark and Main Streets in Marseilles's commercial core.

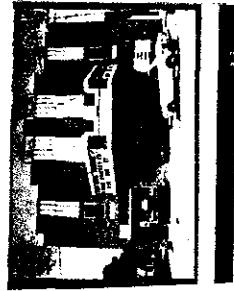
The movie theater was constructed in 1936 for A.R. Workman, replacing two-story frame and brick buildings. The theater is currently used as the Marseilles and Seneca Community Hall.

7. DESCRIPTION 8. HISTORICAL DATA 9. SIGNIFICANCE

This building's simple geometrical detailing exemplifies early twentieth-century Art Deco commercial architecture in Marseilles, as well as typical movie-house designs. However, it is not representative in scale or design of the turn-of-the-century brick stores that dominate the Marseilles commercial core. Located next to a similarly scaled building, the theater does not intrude upon the historic character of Main Street.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Mars Theater

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL: M-1; Frame #33



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Wild Goose Gift Shop)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1909
2. LOCATION 501 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Commercial
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Cr-3

6. CONDITION
Good.

Concrete foundation. Load-bearing construction with brick laid in stretcher bond on second story; first level clad with Vitrolite. Two-story, rectangular. Flat roof. Two bays on main (west) facade; brick beltcourse and quoining. Storefront features recessed wood and glass door in south bay; display window in north. Second level features two evenly spaced pairs of one-over-one-light double-hung wood sash with flat arches and continuous stone lug sills.

7. DESCRIPTION

This building was built 1909. The building has been occupied by: Blackowsky and Sons, dry goods and notions; Knopping Department Store; Stoltz Clothing and Shoes; June's Clothing and Shoe Store; and Patricia Yagoda and June Pitzenger who operated the Wild Goose gift shop. This builder of this and the nearly identical commercial structure next door at 493 Main Street in Marseilles (see other entry) is not known.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

Erected in 1909, this two-story commercial building was part of a steady re-development of Marseilles's central business district that covered a span of about three decades beginning in 1893. That year a devastating fire swept through the city's downtown, destroying most of its commercial buildings. Architecturally, although the 1909 structure is compatible in size and scale with the neighboring late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century commercial buildings, it possesses little distinction. The scale of the original jack arches, consisting of three soldier courses of buff-colored brick and located at the two second-story window openings, is considerably out of proportion with the parapet wall, cornice, and windows of the main facade. Moreover, the disparate textures and colors of the brick is visually unsatisfying.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Wild Goose Gift Shop)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-2; frame #4



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Boiling Insurance)

2. LOCATION
503 Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

3. CONDITION
Fair.

4. FOUNDATION
Foundation material unknown. Load-bearing brick construction. Flat roof. One story rectangular plan. Three bays on main (west) facade. Commercial structure located in downtown business district. Storefront clad with Formstone and vertical aluminum siding; central recessed entrance with aluminum and glass door in each of the flanking display window bays.

5. DESCRIPTION

This building was erected ca. 1898-1907 with two storefronts. In 1907 it served as the American Express office and a restaurant. In 1913 the express had moved to the south storefront and Mr. Rtrandin operated a tailor shop in the north storefront. In 1929 two stores occupied the two storefronts. Subsequent occupants included the Gattis Insurance Agency and a butcher shop. Larry Boling bought the building in 1976 and it is currently occupied by an insurance agency.

6. HISTORICAL DATA

This structure was built at the turn of the century and it represents a period of active commercial growth for Marseilles. The building has been reclad with aluminum siding, however, and it now represents an intrusion into the character of the historic commercial district.

7. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
503 Main Street, Marseilles
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Roll M-2; frame #3



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Marseilles Drugstore	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1962
2. LOCATION 530 Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) drugstore
6. CONDITION Good.	5. RATING Cr-4

6. CONDITION

Good.

Concrete foundation. Steel-frame construction. Exterior clad with vertically tooled common-bond coursing. Two-story rectangular plan. Main three-bay elevation faces east. Flat roof with tile coping. Canted corner entrance supported by brick pillar, double glass doors with transom and sidelights. East elevation has band of five display windows with thin metal mullions and continuous concrete sill. South edge of facade has wood door with large rectangular light and transom leading to second story. Second story of east facade has three large metal casement windows (south two have bricked-in central sections). Located on corner of Main and Bluff Streets in commercial core of Marseilles.

7. DESCRIPTION

This building was constructed in 1962. The Marseilles Drugstore has occupied this building since 1979. It replaced a two-story brick commercial building constructed prior to 1889.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This modern building intrudes upon the historic character of Marseilles. Although the building is similar in size and scale to the Mars Movie theater next door, its appearance is incompatible with the turn-of-the-century brick stores that dominate the Marseilles commercial core.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Marseilles Drugstore

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

Roll: M-1; Frame #34



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE U.S. Post Office	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1936
2. LOCATION Washington Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) post office
5. CONDITION Excellent	6. RATING On-3
7. DESCRIPTION Concrete foundation. Load-bearing, common-bond (all buff) brick construction. One-story. Rectangular plan. Flat roof. Five bays on main (south) elevation. Central double metal and glass doors with transom; flanked by frame one-over-one-light, double-hung sash windows with sidelights. Panels above windows contain bas-relief sculptures of airplane propellers.	8. HISTORICAL DATA The U.S. Post Office in Marseilles was built in 1936 and still serves its original function. The cornerstone reads: "Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; James A. Farley, Postmaster General; Louis A. Simon, Supervising Architect; Neal A. Melock, Supervising Engineer, 1936." The lobby contains artist Avery Johnson's mural (approximately 4' x 10') depicting the industry of Marseilles.
	9. SIGNIFICANCE Built on a more monumental scale than most of the surrounding structures, this civic building is a contributing architectural element in a predominantly commercial neighborhood. The building was erected in 1936 as one of the nation's many public works project. Louis A. Simon served as supervising architect for this and many other post office buildings during the presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt. An oil-on-canvas mural by artist Avery Johnson, depicting the water-powered industry of Marseilles, is located in the lobby.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

U.S. Post Office, Marseilles

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL # FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION

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Cornerstone.

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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE (Allender Buick)	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1893
2. LOCATION 158 Washington Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) opera house, feed and flour store / auto dealership
6. RATING Cm-3	5. CONDITION Good.

6. CONDITION

Good.

Limestone foundation. Load-bearing construction of rubble stone; clad with red brick laid in stretcher bond. One story, reduced from an original two; rectangular plan. Flat roof with tile coping, brick detailing, cast-iron beltcourse. Six bays on main (south) facade. Storefront features recessed door flanked by display windows. Metal canopy extends across front facade.

7. DECORATION

This structure was built in 1893 by W.A. Wyllie as the Columbia Opera House, which in 1898 occupied the second floor; a flour and feed store was operated on the first level. About 1904 a fire destroyed the upper story of the building and in 1907 it stood in ruins. By 1913 the remains of the first floor had been converted into a garage, and from 1914-30 it was known as the Latimer Cadillac Garage. Coin B. Seals purchased the building in 1930; N.V. Allender (Seal's son-in-law) and Joe Maier operated a Cadillac dealership here until 1936 when the former became sole operator of the business, calling it the Kaiser-Fraser Agency. In 1950 it became Allender Buick and Opel.

This much-altered one-story building originally contained a second story which served as an opera house. A fire in ca. 1904 destroyed the top floor and the stone structure was subsequently converted into a one-story garage. Despite this major alteration the building possesses local historical significance as constituting one of the early commercial structures erected after the devastating fire of 1893 in which most of Marseilles's downtown was destroyed.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Allender Buick

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL # FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
ROLL M-2; Frame #19



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Seal's Funeral Home)

2. LOCATION
172 Washington Street
Marseilles, Illinois

6. CONDITION
Good.

Originally built as two separate structures, one with a wing, they now comprise a single building with a single use. The east section (1898-1907): Concrete foundation; wood-frame construction; two stories; rectangular plan; two bays on main facade. Pyramidal roof with asphalt shingles; aluminum siding. Three evenly spaced one-over-one-light aluminum double-hung sash windows on second floor, first floor faces with brick. West section (1929): Concrete foundation; load-bearing construction with brick laid in stretcher bond; two stories; rectangular plan; three bays; flat roof with brick frieze. Storefront features central display window flanked by wood doors; clerestory transom. Columns support the curved, cantilevered second story; three evenly spaced pairs of double-hung wood sash windows with metal awnings. One-story wing added in 1940 has concrete foundation, load-bearing construction laid in brick stretcher bond, rectangular plan, three stories, central door with pointed Tudor-arch transom, flanked by Tudor-arch windows.

The east section was built between 1898 and 1907, and the west section in 1929. The east section was erected as a dwelling; the west section erected in 1929 by Coin B. Seals as a funeral parlor. Seals added the chapel wing in 1940. Arlene (Seals) and Gifford Campbell became business partners in 1950. In 1981 Lillian and Bill Kuiper purchased the business and continue to operate a funeral parlor here.

Although the turn-of-the-century house has been much altered, the later brick building contributes to the historic context of the neighborhood in scale and vernacular styling with Tudoresque detailing.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION
1898-1907; 1929

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)
dwelling, funeral parlor

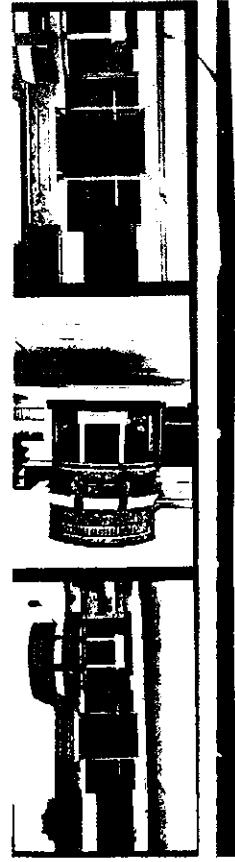
5. RATING
Ch-3

7. DESCRIPTION

8. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Seals Funeral Home

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL # FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
Roll: M-2; Frames #20, 21, 22



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

Maier's Garage

2. LOCATION

South side of Young Street, west of Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

6. CONDITION

Good

Concrete foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Clad with stretcher-bond coursing. One-story, rectangular plan. Primary five-bay elevation faces north. Gable roof covered with rolled asphalt has stepped gable false front. Primary elevation: Central double wood door with five rectangular fixed lights flanked by two fixed display windows, brick lug sills. Aluminum pent roof above storefront. Small door with transom on east edge of facade. Three diamond-shaped windows are evenly spaced across stepped gable. Sympathetic one-story addition to the east facade has concrete foundation. Flat roof has stepped gable with false front to match original building. Two central display windows flanked on the east by wood door with fixed light and on the west by a garage door. This building is located on Young Street, west of commercial Main Street.

This garage was constructed ca. 1920 for Smith and Marlett. In 1939 it housed Maier's Chevrolet garage; it was known as the Maier and Schoeder Chevrolet garage from 1955-74. In 1974 Robert Chan purchased the garage and the business. Currently it is known as Lee Chevrolet.

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION

ca. 1920

4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)

Garage/Car dealership and garage

5. RATING

Cn-2

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

9. SIGNIFICANCE

This building is a good example of a modest ca. 1920 automobile showroom and garage and reflects the impact of the early automobile in Marseilles. The simple brick styling is also characteristic of early-to-mid twentieth-century commercial building design. Although the garage is dissimilar to the turn-of-the-century brick commercial buildings that dominate the Marseilles commercial core, it is located off of Main Street and so does not intrude upon the historic character of the area. The garage is one of a few relatively unaltered buildings in the survey area.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Mailer's Garage

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL # FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Illini Lounge)

2. LOCATION

Northwest corner of Young & Main Street
Marseilles, Illinois

3. CONDITION
Good

Concrete foundation. Load-bearing brick construction. Clad with vertically tooled common-bond coursing. Primary elevation stuccoed on upper portion. One-story, rectangular plan. Two-bay primary elevation faces east. Flat roof with stepped parapet, concrete coping. Primary elevation: canted corner on south section of facade features modern glass door with transom and sidelights. North section of facade has rectangular plate window. Wood pent roof above storefront. Secondary facade faces Young Street, has eight bays. This building is located on the corner of Young and Main Street in the commercial core area of Marseilles.

7. DESCRIPTION

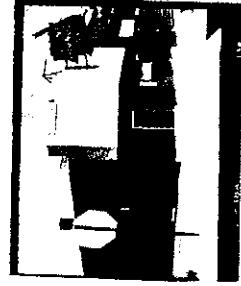
This building was constructed ca. 1890 to house a saloon. In 1907 a pool room was added to the rear. The building housed a saloon through at least 1913. At some point in the mid-twentieth century the building was occupied by the Bateman bowling alley and cigar store. In 1963 it was purchased from John Lavery, a cobbler and dry goods merchant, to house the present occupant, the Illini Lounge.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This late nineteenth-century brick commercial building is similar in size and scale to the turn-of-the-century two-story brick commercial buildings that dominate the Marseilles commercial core. However, because of severe alterations it no longer retains its original appearance and it intrudes upon the historic character of Main Street.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Tillini Lounge)

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
M-1; Frame 18



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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Timmons House	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1905
2. LOCATION North Side of Young Street, West of Main Street Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Boarding House/vacant
6. RATING Cn-3	

6. CONDITION

fair

Raised coursed rubblestone foundation is stuccoed, load-bearing brick construction. Cladding of common bond courses. Two-story rectangular plan. Seven-bay primary elevation faces south. Flat roof has cornice covered with aluminum siding, aluminum gutter, hip-roofed dormer with wooden window frame centrally located on roof. Primary elevation: East portion of facade has central entrance with three-panel wood door, segmental-arched windows with brick lug sills and brick segmental-arch hoodmolds. Central section up and bricked in) segmental-arched windows with brick lug sills and brick segmental-arch hoodmolds. Central section of facade has segmental-arched entrance with wood door with boarded-up fixed light and segmental-arched hoodmold. Fixed display window with brick lug sill to the east is boarded up. West portion of facade has two (boarded up) segmental-arched windows with brick hoodmolds and concrete lug sills spaced across facade. This building is located on Young Street, west of commercial area of Main Street.

This brick building was constructed ca. 1905 to house the Timmons (Boarding) House. The first floor was originally composed of three brick storefronts. The center section functioned as an office and the east section functioned as a saloon; the second story housed boarding rooms. The building was still a boarding house and hotel, possibly known as the McNally Hotel, with a saloon in the east section and an office in the center section, in 1913. By 1929 the west section of the building functioned as a dwelling and the other two sections housed stores. The building is currently vacant.

This two-story building, located off of Main Street, is representative in size, scale and design of the turn-of-the-century storefronts that dominate the Marseilles commercial core. Although vacant, it is one of the earliest boarding house/hotel buildings in the survey area that remain. Temporary and slight alterations detract from the building, but it still retains much of its original appearance.

7. DESCRIPTION

8. HISTORICAL DATA

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Timmons House

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
M-1; Frame #16



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HABS/HAER INVENTORY

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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE Thompson's Hotel	3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION 1917
2. LOCATION Southwest corner of Young and Main Streets Marseilles, Illinois	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Hotel
6. CONDITION Excellent	5. RATING Cr-2

6. CONDITION
Excellent

Concrete foundation. Unknown construction. Cladding of vertically tooled stretcher bond coursing. Three-story, rectangular plan. Primary three-bay elevation faces east. Flat roof with parapet, cast-iron cornice has brick parapet with concrete coping. Primary elevation: tile entry reads "Thompson". Storefront has central craftsman-style door with transom and sidelights, flanked by rectangular display windows with copper frames, canvas awning, transoms and concrete lug sills. Recessed brick sign-plate above storefront. Second and third stories have two closely spaced one-over-one-light double-hung sash windows with concrete lug sills on north section of facade and two closely spaced one-over-one-light wood double-hung sash windows with concrete lug sills on south facade. Centrally located clock on second story. This building is located on the corner of Young and Main Streets in the commercial core of Marseilles.

7. DESCRIPTIVE DATA

This building was originally constructed in 1917 as a two-story hotel for Mr. Thompson. It featured nine hotel rooms, a cafe and a barbershop. About 1920 a third floor was added to house thirteen more rooms. Thompson owned it until 1948 when he sold the building and the business to John Burris who ran it for four years. Subsequently, Andy Donna purchased the hotel and operated it until 1974, when he sold it to Kelly Goode. At this time it was called the Presidential Hotel. The current owner, Ann L. Williams, purchased the hotel in 1984 and is currently restoring it to its 1920 condition.

8. HISTORICAL DATA

This three-story building is the only functioning hotel in the Marseilles commercial core. Marseilles was a stopover point between Chicago and St. Louis from its early settlement through the mid twentieth century and this hotel represents this transportation theme. The simple brick detailing is also representative of building styles from the early to mid-twentieth-century era. The design is sympathetic to the earlier buildings in the Marseilles commercial core, however, the building is uncharacteristic in size, scale and design of the neighboring turn-of-the-century brick commercial buildings that dominate Main Street. The building is one of a few that retains its original appearance.

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Thompson's Hotel

11. PHOTO(S) (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



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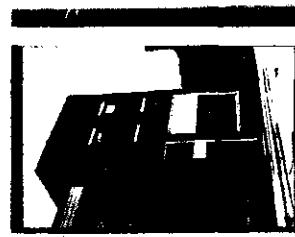
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE	Stickle's Saloon		
2. LOCATION	127 Young Street Marseilles, Illinois		
6. CONDITION	Good.		

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION	c.1912		
4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT)	Saloon (residence)		
5. RATING	Cr-3		
7. DESCRIPTION	<p>Concrete foundation assumed. Load-bearing brick construction; cladding of common-bond coursing with stretcher-bond veneer on primary elevation. Two-story rectangular plan. Primary three-bay elevation faces south. Flat roof with brick cornice, brick corbeling and tile coping. Canted corner entrance on east part of facade with (altered) wood door and (boarded up) transom. West section of facade had (altered) wood door with transom on western edge of facade and central two-light display window with transom and brick lug sill. Under plates stuccoed over and painted red. Second story has two evenly spaced one-over-one-light double-hung aluminum sash windows with concrete lintel and lug sill on west portion of facade; same fenestration treatment above canted-corner entry; band of stucco below cornice. This building is located on Young Street west of commercial Main Street.</p>		
8. HISTORICAL DATA	<p>This building was constructed c. 1912 to house Stickle's Saloon. It remained a bar until at least 1913. The two-story brick building replaced a two-story frame saloon that was built prior to 1889. This building currently contains apartments.</p>		
9. SIGNIFICANCE	<p>This ca. 1912 two-story store is sympathetic to Marseilles's turn-of-the-century brick commercial structures that dominate the downtown core. Its simple detailing is characteristic of early- to mid-twentieth-century commercial building styles. It is compatible with the surrounding structures on Young Street, all erected after 1900. Slight alterations do not detract from the building's architectural integrity.</p>		

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
Stickle's Saloon

11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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1. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE
(Valley Metal Products Building)
2. LOCATION
222 Young Street
Marseilles, Illinois

3. DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION ca. 1936	4. USE (ORIGINAL/CURRENT) Welding Shop
5. RATING Cn-4	

6. CONDITION

Good

Concrete foundation. Unknown construction. Concrete-block exterior painted green. One-story, rectangular plan. Two-bay primary elevation faces north. Gable roof covered with corrugated metal, stepped gable false front with tile coping. Primary elevation: East half of facade has large corrugated-metal sliding door with paired eight-light industrial windows on east part of door and wood door with light on south part of sliding door. West section of facade has 12-light metal industrial window, painted over. Sympathetic addition to west facade has door with pent roof of corrugated metal and decorative metal covering on east part of facade and one-over-one-light double-hung sash aluminum window with concrete lug sill on west part of facade. This building is located on Young Street west of the commercial area on Main Street.

It appears this building was constructed ca. 1936 for Mr. Gullony to house a contract welding business. Later, in 1936, Gullony enlarged the business and possibly made the addition to the west facade. At this time he renamed the business Valley Metal Products. In 1962 Bob Whelan purchased the business and the building. Bryce Van Valkenburgh purchased the building in 1972 and continues to operate the Valley Metal products business.

7. DESCRIPTION

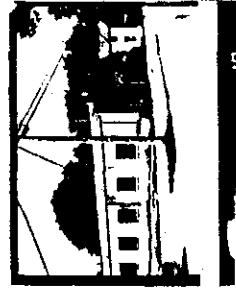
8. HISTORICAL DATA

This simple concrete-block building with stepped parapet is characteristic of mid-twentieth-century commercial building design. The building is isolated to the west of the Main Street and does not contribute architecturally or historically to the turn-of-the-century character of the Marseilles commercial core.

9. SIGNIFICANCE

10. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

(Valley Metal Products Building)
11. PHOTOS (W/ FILM ROLL & FRAME NO.) AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION
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